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# PREFACE.

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The present volume of the Calendar of Virginia State Papers is the fifth of the series, about one half of which was arranged and edited by Dr. Wm. P. Palmer, M. D., of Richmond, Virginia, when failure of health compelled him to abandon the work which he was so well qualified to conduct and complete, and the residue of the volume was arranged and edited by the subscriber, with an index added. Each successive volume of the Calendar furnishes facts and information illustrative of the history, genealogy, and biography of the people of Virginia, for the most part not to be obtained elsewhere. Much knowledge of the genealogy of Virginians is derived from the numerous names and places recorded in the Calendar—often indicating an ancestor who had been sought in vain, through all the mists of tradition and vague history.

To the individual, family history is one of the most interesting subjects of human knowledge, and thus a paper apparently trivial, recorded specially for preservation, is often found to be the source of valuable information in personal history or genealogy; but the chief value of this volume of the Calendar, consists in its containing the papers which relate to the Commonwealth, at the point of time when Virginia transferred to the United States certain sovereign powers, which the state had exercised exclusively; but the volume is yet more interesting for the history of events transpiring at a time when the United States was in danger of disruption, and the integrity of the territory of Virginia was threatened.

The perils of the United States soon after the adoption of the present constitution, exceeded any to which the country had been exposed since the termination of the revolutionary war. The years 1789-90-91-92-93 were peculiarly critical. When the constitution of the United States was adopted, the western and north-western frontiers of Virginia was the theatre of never ceasing Indian murders and robberies. A cry of distress floated on every breeze which blew from the west. The frontiersman was the object of Virginia's special care and solicitude, and her western domain among the most valued of her treasures. Kentucky was her oldest daughter, and the pride of the mother. Virginia guarded this treasure with ceaseless vigilance, and organized an army of scouts and rangers for its defence and protection as the most suitable which could be devised. One of the most import-

ant subjects which first engaged the attention of Washington was the relation of the United States to the Indian tribes, which inhabited the western frontiers of the United States. The pacification of the Indians, and judicious treaties with them be regarded as of much more importance than the relations with European and other foreign powers.

Owing to the great extent of Virginia's western and northwestern frontier, her relation to the Indians was more comprehensive, and her machinery for the protection of her people more elaborate, complex and expensive than that of any other state. Washington well knew this, and at what cost Virginia had defended her western and northwestern frontier from the savage ferocity of the Indian. Under the constitution of the United States, the power which had been exercised by the State for efficient defence, was transferred to the United States exclusively. This transfer was fraught with great danger. The United States unprepared, found itself unable to give the frontiers the necessary protection for life and property. Kentucky and the border counties protested against the withdrawal of Virginia's protection, and although there were constitutional difficulties in the way of State protection, the good sense and patriotism of Washington preferred the coöperation of Virginia with her plan and means of defence, to massacres and pillage, which the government of the United States, without the aid of Virginia, was impotent to prevent.

Acknowledged inability of the United States to protect the settlements from murder and pillage by the Indians, would have been fatal to the government; but this was not all of the perils to which the new government was exposed. In the midst of the Indian troubles, there arose a controversy between Virginia and Pennsylvania of the most serious character. The constitutional obligation to surrender fugitives from justice, and to surrender fugitive slaves, with the complication of contradictory testimony, sustained by the oaths of credible witnesses; the quarrel fomented and aggravated by the hatred of individuals and the creed of fanatics; the States being coterminous, and the hostile parties in close proximity, the irritation was perpetuated by constant contact, and could not be allayed. The propriety of complying with the demand of Pennsylvania was difficult to determine, and required time for decision. Unfortunately before this case was disposed of, two other similar cases arose between the same states, increasing the excitement and difficulty. The power of the United States was invoked to coerce Virginia to make the surrender, but Washington recognizing the delicacy of the subject, abstained from participating in the controversy, although pressingly urged so to do. The prudence and influence of Washington averted a collision which seemed inevitable. But one of the greatest perils to which the state and United States were ever exposed, lurked in the mammoth land companies and schemes of gigantic land speculators, the design of which in particular cases, was the control of the vast domain extending from the Mississippi to the Pacific ocean, and as an essential feature of the scheme, to form a Western Republic, surpassing in extent of territory the original thirteen states, and in fertility and mineral wealth any other part of North America.

At this day we have but little conception of the danger which lurked in these land companies. Most of the incorporators no doubt, were seeking settlements on

the rich lands of the west for the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, but the ambitious statesman and greedy land speculator saw a vast territory greater than that of the original thirteen states, of matchless fertility and wonderful mineral wealth, which Spain invited them to occupy almost gratuitously. While the invitation to such an Eldorado would be largely accepted by citizens of the United States and people of all nationalities, there was reason to believe that Kentucky would be the leader in this enterprise to form a great western republic with access to two seas. Kentucky, the pioneer commonwealth of the west, ever agitated by the ceaseless claim of the free navigation of the Mississippi, a privilege indispensable to the development and prosperity of that rising commonwealth, tempted first by the French, and then by the English, to withdraw from the United States and become the great Western republic—the Spanish forts to be captured, and the navigation of the Mississippi to be made free; removed so far from the seats of government of Virginia and the United States, that speedy communication and relief in times of exigency and distress was a physical impossibility—separation from the east, and alliance with the west, seemed to be the dictate of necessity as well as of policy. The free navigation of the Mississippi, and the head of a great republic destined to overshadow the United States, were offers to the ambition of a state, which few people could resist; but whilst the French and English as rivals, were proposing to conquer the free navigation of the Mississippi, on condition of Kentucky's separation from the United States, Spain, with great address and complete foil to her rivals, not only offered the free navigation of the Mississippi, but a territory of matchless fertility, exhaustless mineral wealth, and sea and rivers for the richest commerce of the new great republic.

This offer of Spain was peculiarly dangerous from its character. It proposed quietly and peaceably to settle this fine country by the agency of mammoth land companies covering the country at once with an expanse of population, which in the ordinary settlement of new countries required years to effect; led by men selected for their intelligence and energy, from the different states of the Union; sustained as a financial scheme by capitalists and speculators, and as a political scheme by the ambitious and adventurous. With such advantages, if Kentucky had separated from the United States, and the Indiana company had established its title to the northwest territory, (claimed by Virginia by charter and conquest), the new Madrid company might have bridged the Mississippi, and the western republic have become something more than a myth. But Kentucky did not separate from the United States, although so strongly tempted, and the mammoth Indiana company did not succeed in establishing its claim to the northwest territory; and whatever might have been the result of the secession of Kentucky or the success of the Indiana company, the danger of disruption was imminent; indeed, so imminent, that Mr. Dawson, a distinguished statesman, in view of the Morgan land company, writes to Gov. Beverly Randolph of Virginia, as follows: "this transaction I consider of the most interesting nature, and one which will probably *produce a remarkable era* in the American history, as a door will be opened through which the United States will lose many thousands of her best citizens." This letter of Mr. Dawson was written immediately after the reception of one on the same subject from Washington, and no

doubt reflects the sentiments and apprehensions of Washington, as well as his own—a strong belief that this Spanish land company would be the means of transferring thousands of the best citizens of the United States to the west side of the Mississippi, and the formation of a western republic. That Washington entertained similar apprehensions from the same cause, is evident from his appeal to Jefferson for his reconciliation with Hamilton, and would be much more apparent if Washington's private correspondence in full, on the dangers of the Union could be seen. There is reason to believe that the most of these letters were destroyed.

It is plain that if the Indiana company had not been defeated by Virginia in their claim to the northwest territory that favored and splendid region would have been settled early during the foreign intrigues to disrupt the Union, and a reservoir of supply would have been furnished to the western immigration beyond the Mississippi at the expense of Virginia and all the eastern states. We are informed that the most valuable men of all classes in the states were engaged to sustain this enterprise, and only waited for the signal to advance.

Not only the numerous letters of Morgan, Henderson, and others connected with these land companies are inaccessible, but the letters of Washington to Dawson, and Dawson to Washington on Spanish intrigues and western relations, which no doubt could reveal so much, are not only unpublished, but we have reason to fear have been lost or destroyed. Dawson's letter to Governor Randolph of Virginia, printed in the 4th volume of the Calendar of the Virginia State Papers, describing the New Madrid company, and depicting the consequences which would result from its success, gives probably the best information of the colossal power of these companies for mischief, extant, except the deposition of Mr. Henry given in the Henderson case at Williamsburg, June 4th, 1777, and printed in the first volume of the Virginia Calendar. Now these are Virginia papers, but necessary to fill a void which exists in the history of the United States, and which probably cannot be filled without their aid. These companies had an intimate connection with the destiny of the United States. The name of Patrick Henry is now one of the most famous in the world's vocabulary of names. His eloquence, wisdom and patriotism are proverbial, but probably there is no service which he performed for his state or country more useful or honorable than his resistance of the claims of these land companies. Mr. Henry informs us that being a member of the first Virginia convention and also of the first Continental Congress, that on reaching Congress he was informed of many purchases of Indian lands, shares in all of which were offered him, but which he declined for reasons stated in his deposition. The acceptance of these shares would have conferred immense wealth on Mr. Henry, probably many millions of dollars, but would have committed him to the support of the Henderson and Indiana claims, and yet more to the magnificent scheme of the Madrid company, with its power of expansion over the richest portion of North America. The public virtue which George Mason saw in his first conversation with Mr. Henry was Virginia's shield. The name of Henry was a tower of strength to any cause which he espoused; withholding it was the death knell to Indian titles, sustained as the refusal was by reasons the most cogent and a patriotism which covered him with a mantle of honor. His course was decisively influential on the leading men of the two conventions. With

the Indiana company this grand scheme of General Morgan and Gorduquoi toppled to the ground, and the government of the United States was rescued from the most imminent danger which has beset it since its organization. This sentiment may seem strange to many, yet the writer believes that the government of the United States is stronger to-day than it has ever been since its formation, and that it has now a power of self protection equal to any future emergency. But in 1789, the case was widely different. The most perfect constitution which statesmanship, philosophy, and human wisdom (under the circumstances), could devise, had been adopted, but the sectional differences between the states were greater then than now, and the cohesive power of the constitution weaker then than now ; indeed this cohesive power was so weak at the time of the adoption of the constitution, that it was regarded as unsafe even to relax its bands for the insertion of necessary amendments, for fear they could not be tightened again. The amendments therefore were *added* to the constitution, instead of being *incorporated*, thus impairing the symmetry of this incomparable work. The same causes which made it difficult to unite the states in such a constitution as the present, made it easy to disunite them. The general sentiment of the northern states, as indicated in a resolution of the first Continental Congress, was adverse to Virginia's claim to the northwest territory, and thus the effort of the Indiana or Vandalia company to subject Virginia's boundary to limitation and prescription by Congress, would not only, if successful, have confirmed that company's title, but prevented Virginia's concurrence in the present constitution of the United States.

The paper which relates to the history of the suit in the supreme court of the United States by the Indiana company, against the State of Virginia, to compel the acknowledgment of that company's claim, will appear in the next or sixth volume of the Calendar, now in course of preparation.

SHERWIN McRAE.

# CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS.

1789.

Petition of Joseph Selden Represents that he stands indebted in the Solicitor's Office in the sum of thirty pounds or thereabouts, as security for Duties, and an execution has issued against his property, which from the great scarcity of money in the County of Elizabeth City, will not sell for one tenth its value; he therefore humbly begs a suspension of the Execution until October next, so as to enable him to dispose of so much of his property as will discharge the said Duties.

1789.

July 24

Elizabeth  
City County

Col. Wm. Henderson Encloses to the Governor his recommendation as Sheriff, by the Court of Campbell county, and requests that his commission may be sent to him. Accompanying this communication is a protest from Charles Lynch & John Ward, and a note from Richard Stith on the subject of Col. Henderson's Commission.

July 24

Nottoway County July Court, 1789.—Freeman Epes Gent, is recommended to his Excellency the Governor, as a proper person to execute the office of County Lieutenant. Peter Randolph, Colonel, Thomas Jones, Lieut. Colo., Edmund Wills, Major, Moses Craddock, Capt., Abraham Hatchett, Lieut., Henry Fowles, Ensign, Samuel Watkins, Capt., George Green, Lieut., John Wm. Connally, Ensign, Thomas Epes, Capt., Wm. Sidner, Lieut., William Gunn, Ensign, Wm. Jennings, Capt., James Dupey Jr., Lieut., James Cooke, Ensign, Warning Peter Robertson, Capt., Alexander Erskine, Lieut., Murdoch Coper, Ensign, Daniel Verser, Capt., Wm. Jones, Lieut., Robert Winfrey, Ensign, Sharp Lamkin, Capt., John Evans, Lieut., Thomas Ellis, Ensign, Nathan Fletcher, Capt., Wm. Cabiness, Lieut., Daniel Parham, Ensign, Samuel Morgan, Capt., Charles Willson, Lieut., John Tucker, Ensign, Samuel Pincham, Capt. of Light Horse, Philip W. Greenhill, Lieut., Ubrick Mark, Cornet.

July 31



1789. Sam. Coleman, A. C. C., States that by the pay rolls of Major Lanham for the Superintendent & Artificers, and for the Guard at the Point of Fork for the last quarter ending the 30th of June, 1789, it appears that there is due to the former, One hundred and twenty-two pounds, nine shillings and three pence, and to the latter, Seventy-two pounds, twelve shillings. And by a "Statement of Receipts and Disbursements it appears that there is in the hands of the Superintendent, the sum of Ninety-four pounds, nineteen shillings, said by him to be intended for the purpose of providing clothing for the present year."

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July 6th At a Court held for Ohio County on Monday the 6th day of July, 1789. Present—Zachariah Sprigg, Isaac Meek, Benjamin Biggs and John Henderson Gentlemen, Ordered that Stephen John Francis be recommended to his Excellency Beverly Randolph, Esq., Governor of Virginia, as Ensign of the Militia in Ohio County.

A Copy—Teste.

MOSES CHAPLINE, Clk.

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July 6th FRANCIS YOUNG TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

"Sir,

I send you herein enclosed the Sheriff's Commission for Mr. John Goodrich, with a certificate of the proceedings had thereupon, & also a certificate of Mr. Sampson Willson's resignation as a justice of the peace. I have conversed with all the Gent in the commission of the peace in this county as well as with others, & I am convinced that no one will accept the office of Sheriff to be made liable to the collection of the Tax for 1788. Indeed I am well convinced that were any of them so inclined, it would be out of their power to find security, that is from the appearance of things at present. Mr. James Wills qualified as Sheriff in the month of May last, who then declared that it was not in [his] power to find security for the collection of the said Tax. He still fills & occupies that Office, but does not presume to meddle with the 88 Tax.

I am, &c.

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July 10th Peter F. Archer Commissioned as Cornet on the 8th day of May, 1789, in the "Militia Cavalry of the County of Powhatan," who refused to act, and "Wm. Bentley, recommended in the room of Peter F. Archer."

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO THE EXECUTIVE.

1789.  
July 10th  
Richmond

Reporting on Banks & Co.'s claim, and is in the following words:

"Pursuant to an Order of Council, dated 4 Ultimo, directing me to examine any further proof Mr. Banks might produce in support of Messrs. Hunter, Banks & Co.'s account against the Commonwealth, I find he has procured a Certificate, herewith inclosed, from Mr. Armistead, which admits the receipt of the two articles of Sugar & the expence of reprizing Tobacco amounting in the whole to £686, 14s. Mr. Armistead seems also willing to admit the Return of eight Hogsheds of Tobacco paid on Account. Mr. Crothers on similar principles that have ever guided on such occasions, to wit: where it did not appear that the loss was occasioned by the delay or inattention of the party—in this case, neither the time of paying the Tobacco to Messrs. Hunter, Banks & Co., or the time of the notes being tendered in return, appearing, the Certificate seems useless, but from another Certificate it appears that the Notes for 7013 lb Tobacco were paid Messrs. Hunter, Banks & Co. the 5th February, 1782, which being at a period since the devastation of the Enemy, & the Tobacco being then of old standing, seems the most favourable circumstance, therefore it is submitted to the Governor & Council's consideration, which, should they be pleased to allow the notes remaining, amount to 3884, & a supposed note for 774lb, all which gives rise to the following account:

Sugar delivered Col. Morgan,	-	-	-	-	-	£250	00
Sugar, 25 lb,	-	-	-	-	-	262	10
Expence reprizing Tobacco,	-	-	-	-	-	166	4
						<u>686</u>	<u>14</u>

£686 14s turned into Tobacco at £50 per Cwt., is, - - - 1,373

Tobacco Notes presented—Return in part of 7,013lb.

1 for	-	-	-	-	-	844
1	-	-	-	-	-	850
1	-	-	-	-	-	868
1	-	-	-	-	-	492
1	-	-	-	-	-	834
						<u>3,888</u>

A supposed note, - - - - - 774  
6,035

Interest on 1,373lb Tobacco from Augt. 1781 till paid,

Do 4,662 " " Feb'y 1782,

I have omitted the calculation of Interest until the Executive will be pleased to direct the extention, saying it will be allowed.

1789.

## JOHN HARVIE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

July 16th Sir,

When the Directors of the James River Company made their demand for the publick Shares upon the Requisition of the 20th of May last, they made a Mistake in the amount of £25, this has since been corrected by the auditor, & a warrant granted to Mr. Buchanan.

You will be pleased to grant an order on the Treasurer for payment.

I am Sir, &c.

July 20th

Lankston Ford of Hanover County petitions the Governor and Council for the remission of a fine of ten shillings imposed on him by a Court Martial, for the reason "that he was in a bad state of health, and unable to attend muster at the time he was so fined."

July 20th

## COL. ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Washington  
County

Sometime ago I received the enclosed, which I did not, nor could not comply with, for reasons obvious from Mr. Barnett's own Statement. Harvest being now over, and a plentiful crop of grain secured, it will remain with the Executive, what orders they are pleased to give on the subject. However, on attending to the idea of the President of the United States, and the advice of Council of 30th of May last, we cannot help concluding that a Ranging Company stationed on Clinch, will ill answer the purpose of defence—To repress the spirit of Enterprise in the hostile partys of the savage Tribes that annoy us, the surest way is to make them feel the same inconveniencys, in their own settlements, as they unprovoked inflict on us. But this may take time, and no small expense. Another mode of defence would be, to have companys of Regular Troops, so stationed, as to intercept the enemy coming in, or going out, or at least retake their booty, which is always the principal incentive to hostility of the disorderly parts of the Tribes. Take away the motive, and inaction on their part will ensue. On this plan 60 men well officered, might suffice to defend that part of the frontier from the Kanawha to the N. Carolina line. These Troops next year could be removed for more distant service if our transactions with the Indians will make it necessary, and the advanced Settlers may supply their place. On the proposed plan also, an auxiliary means of defence would be the integrity and activity of the Superintendent of Indian affairs and their Deputys—For if they should be concerned either directly or indirectly in trade, the profits on the plunder purchased from the Indians are so great, that we might expect not only their conniving at predatory excursions, but openly countenancing them. Not a few complaints of

this kind have already arisen against Traders in S. Carolina, who have been known to purchase the Horses taken on the Kentucky path, and from the back Settlers M. Gillivray with an host of assistants, have been for years at it, to the ruin of many. The booty carried off by the Shawasee and the Renigadoes that takes an asylum with them, are generally disposed of at Detroit—To intercept that, one half of the proposed number might be stationed on Sandy River near the Fork or where the Greenbriar road to Kentucky crosses that river. To guard against the Cherokee and Creek parties, the properest place for a Fort seems to be near Cumberland Gap, on the Kentucky side of the Mountain, As of late it is known the Southern Indians, in order to advance on us more privately, come up the West side of Cumberland Mountain to near the head of Kentucky river, from thence pass over on our settlements, and return nearly the same way. When N. Carolina is admitted into the union, the plan of defence may be varied to advantage.

1789.  
July 20th

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

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The following is the enclosed letter to which Col. Campbell refers:

“ RUSSELL, MAY 20th day, 1789.

Sir,

On friday last, the indians fell on the family of Joseph Johnson in the rye cove settlement, it being twelve in number, of which but three in number himself and two sons Escaped. His wife and child was found about one quarter of a mile of the house, kill'd & scalped, the bones of one child found burnd in the house, the others I have not been informed whether kill'd or taken. Attempts have been made by voluntary enlistment to raise the number of fifty men in our County, but to no purpose, it appears they cannot be got. I request you in behalf of our County, to furnish with the number of Fifty men & their proper proportion of Officers to be continued on duty untill the first of Sep'r, or longer, if needful, And provisions to supply untill that time. The scarcity of Grain in our County and other provitions apearingly it will be impossible I think, to purchase them on good terms on public credit. William Hutton on Mockison have some corn for sale. He inform'd me yesterday he wou'd take half a crown p'r Bushal, Cash, paid in hand for twenty-five Bushals, And if any more to spare he wou'd let it on public Credit. If you sir, Can Comply with the above Requisition, order that the men be under the direction of the field officers of Russell County while on Duty. Present necessity require part for the rye Cove, & the remainder in Powals Valley. Please Write to me by the first opertunity, when the men will come and their place of rendezvous, what can be done

1789. about getting provisions in your County. And the name of the Cap-  
 July 20th tain that is to have the Command of s'd Company. Please let it be  
 done with the most immediate dispatch.

I am sir, your obedient and very Humble Servant."

To the County Lieutenant of Washington County.

July 21st

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Richmond

None of the Gentlemen who acted under Major Claiborne have as yet rendered a statement of the credits to which the State is entitled with them. Stephen Southall is the only one who appears to have attended to the business at all, and as several of them can authenticate charges against the United States to a very considerable amount, I submit to your Excellency whether it would not be proper to renew your application to them on this head. How far an assurance of compensation for their trouble may operate, I cannot say, but I think Captain Russell, & perhaps others are tardy for want of some such stimulus, or possibly have it in view by withholding information to induce the State to use its influence to procure the establishment of such arrangements by Congress as will enable them to accomplish the settlement of their accounts, without the necessity of an expensive attendance at New York, or the prospect of receiving final settlements only in discharge of the balances claimed to be due them. Should it be thought proper to hold out an expectation of any agency of the State with respect to their situation, it might probably prove an excitement with those Gentlemen to recommend themselves in return to the favor of the State, by furnishing properly authenticated the desired information.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

Obedt. Servt.

#### PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Virginia, to-wit—By his Excellency, Beverley Randolph, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth:

#### \* A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it has been notified to me, that the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, have taken measures concerning duties and Imposts, I have, therefore, thought fit,

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\* Bears impression of the seal of the State.

in obedience to the act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act concerning certain public Establishments," and by and with the advice and consent of the Council of State, to issue this, my proclamation, hereby requiring all Naval Officers, Collectors of duties, and Searchers, to cease the exercise of the power vested in them by virtue of their respective Offices, from and after the 1st day of August next, except so far as relates to the collection of a duty of Six Shillings per Hogshead on Tobacco exported. 1789.  
July 21st

Given under my hand and the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this Twenty-first day of July, in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

At a court held for Augusta County July 21st, 1789, The Court doth recommend James Steele, Joseph Bell, and John Wilson, Gent., to his Excellency the Governor as fit persons to execute the office of sheriff for this county. July 21st  
Augusta Co.

Teste.

A. McCLENACHAN, Ck.

SAM'L McDOWELL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

July 26th

Sir,

A Letter from the County Lientenant of Mercer to the President of Convention, inclosing the copy of a Letter from the President of the United States to your Excellency, and your Circular orders to him, on receiving that letter was laid before the Convention. The members of convention were of opinion that, as a convention, they could not take up the consideration of these papers, but that as Citizens of Virginia, and inhabitants of Kentucky, possessed of the confidence of their brethren, inhabitants of the District, and suffering with them, it was their duty as an assembly of individuals, to take them under consideration. Danville

A committee of the Convention reported the following remonstrance:

To his Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable the Council of Virginia—The Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants of the District of Kentucky, who are also members of the Convention for the District. Sheweth, that the discharging the Militia of the District from any further service, on account of the State, before measures can be taken by the Federal Government for the protection and security of the Inhabitants of the District, from the depredations of the Indians, will probably be attended with injury to all, and deplorable consequences to some of the good people of the District, Because from the discharging the scouts no notice of the approach of the Indians, can possibly be given to the People to enable them to secure their property from their depredations,

1789. and their Lives from their Cruelty; nor to assemble always in proper  
 July 26th time to intercept them in their retreat, by which they might have a  
 chance of recovering part of the property taken by the Indians, and  
 chastising them for their cruelties. In consequence of which, many of  
 the poor Inhabitants on the frontiers will probably be obliged to leave  
 their Habitations and remove to the more secure parts of the country,  
 to their great loss, if not utter ruin. That the strength and stations of  
 the Federal Troops at present, are such that it is impossible for them to  
 afford the smallest security to the People of Kentucky; a striking  
 proof of which is that they afford no security whatever to the people  
 of Jefferson, who are the nearest to the Troops stationed at the falls, as  
 will appear from the many depredations committed by the Indians in  
 that County, but more particularly from their attack on the seventeenth  
 day of this month on Mr. Chinowith's Family.

Your Remonstrants consider your Honorable Body as on your own  
 motion, withdrawing from us our only defence and depriving us of that  
 security for our Lives and our Property, which has hitherto been granted  
 us by Government. As his Excellency the President's Letter did not  
 require the immediate discharge of the Militia and discontinuance of  
 the Scouts, which has hitherto been employed for the Security and  
 defence of this district, Your Remonstrants must be of Opinion that  
 the expenses incurred in defence of the District of Kentucky would not  
 be at the sole charge of Virginia, but would be a Federal charge.

Signed by Order of the Committee.

Danville, July 26th, 1789.

The following paper accompanied the above protest:

An account of the depredations committed in the District of Kentucky  
 by the Indians since the first day of May, 1789: In Jefferson County—  
 On Floyd's fork, two men were killed; Near the same time, and on the  
 same River, two persons were Killed, and three taken Prisoners; On  
 Brashers's Creek, two were killed and two taken prisoners; On  
 the 17th of July, Chinowith's Station was attacked by a number of  
 Indians, who entered Chinowith's House while the family were at Supper.  
 Three of Chinowith's family were killed and seven wounded. Three of  
 the wounded are since dead and several others yet dangerous. The  
 Indians plundered the House of everything they could carry away.  
 There was at the same station before this date, One man killed and one  
 wounded. The number of Horses Stolen from this County exceed  
 twenty.

Nelson—Two men killed and two wounded, and a number of Horses  
 Stolen to the amount of about twenty.

Lincoln—One man & one child killed and two women wounded and  
 about twenty-five Horses Stolen.

Madison—On the first day of June the Indians broke into the House of Edmund Stephenson and wounded one person. They have stolen a number of Horses from this County. 1789. July 26th

Bourbon—Two men have been badly wounded & about fifteen Horses Stolen.

Mason—Two men Killed & Forty-one Horses Stolen.

Woodford—One Boy Killed and several Horses stolen.

A List of sundry Indian Tribes not included in the late Treaty:

To the northwest of Kentucky are the Shawanees, Twichtwees or Picts, Piankeshaws, Kickapoos, Kaskaskies, Wiogetenons, Waweogtenous, Motuckons, Masquaques, & a Banditti from several Nations now living on the Heads of Sandusky, Scioto, & the Miamies of Lake Erie & Ohio.

To the Southward of Kentucky, The Creeks, Chickamagas, & all the other tribes of the Cherokees, Choctaws & Chickasaws.

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Dabney Minors account against the Commonwealth for the erection of a Necessary in the Capitol yard and furnishing materials for same, £43, 12s, 1d. July 28th

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Certificate of John Campbell, Keeper of the Dumfries District Jail, that he had received into his custody a certain George Quick, who was convicted of Horse Stealing and who had escaped from Jail in company with a certain Jett Roach, who was also convicted of horse stealing at the same time. July 30th

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GARRETT MINOR, COUNTY LIEUT OF LOUISA TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. July 30th

Sir,

John Poin Dexter who was appointed to the command of a company of Light Infantry to be raised for Louisa, having Resigned, Give me leave to recommend in his stead, George Michie, as Capt., James Poin-dexter, Lieut., & Chapman White, as Ensign. Louisa

I am, &c.

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JUDGE WM FLEMING TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. July 31st

This will be handed you by Mr. Bennet Ballew, who is on his way to Summerville New York in company with two Chiefs of the Cherokee nation of In-



1789. dians, & deputed by them to lay their grievances before the president of  
 July 31st the United States and the Congress, and to make proposals for a permanent & perpetual peace & union, with full power to act in their behalf & stead.

I have been many years acquainted with Mr. Ballew, and think him an honest, upright, intelligent man, tho' he sensibly feels the want of a liberal education, but from his long residence among the different nations of Southwestern Indians, he is well acquainted with their manners, politicks & connexions. The Cherokees rely much on the friendly Offices of Virginia to forward their views & obtain their wishes. Mr. Ballew therefore desires to communicate to you in detail, the different objects of his mission, and hopes that you will with the advice of your council, give him such an introduction to the president as may best tend to promote the reciprocal interests of the United States, and of the nation he has the honor to serve. Permit me to add sir, that my humanity feels itself deeply interested in the success of these unfortunate people, who I believe have been much injured & distressed by some who call themselves our fellow-citizens.

I have the honor to be sir,  
 Your most obed't servant.

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July Affidavit of Richard Chapman "that indisposition rendered him  
 Hanover incapable of attending as one of the Grand Jury at the time he was fined," &c.

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August 1st COL. ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.  
 Washington Sir,

Since my last of the 20th July, I have received information from the Indian Country that a difference happened between the Creek Indians and the Spaniards. In the attack some lives was lost on both sides. That in consequence thereof the port of St. Marks have since been shut and no intercourse can now take place with the Bahama Islands. That McGillivray alarmed at his situation, seemed anxious to put a stop to hostilities with the American States and entered into a Treaty, and that he had proposed a meeting in September next. This unexpected turn of affairs offers to the general government a favourable opportunity to chastise our late invaders, or to bring about such terms of accommodation as may ensure a lasting tranquility. If a Treaty is preferred, which from the State of our finances it is most probable will be the case, Virginia ought to have a commissioner at it as well as the three more Southern States, and from the importance of the negotiation

it is much to be wished that one of the Executive could attend. The Cherokee Indians greatly depressed by their calamities last year, deny their being concerned in any of the late murders except a few of the Chickamogga Party, who had mixt themselves with the hostile detachment of the Creeks sent out by McGillivray to Kentucky and the settlements on Clinch. About two weeks ago a skirmish happened in Powell's Valley with a small party of Indians that were stealing Horses, in which we had one man badly wounded.

I have the honor to be with great Respect Sir,  
Your most Obedient Servant.

MAYO CARRINGTON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

1789.  
August 1st

Sir,

In consequence of your last letter to me respecting the property belonging to the Buchanan Furnace, I called on John Fearn of that County, who was a purchaser of one of the negroes. He did not hesitate to deliver him on demand. He is a fellow of small value, and appeared to be desirous of remaining there. I consented that he might continue with Mr. Fearn until I received instructions from the Executive as to the further disposal of him & remains there still. Mr. Ross was the purchaser of the other three; on application to him, he informed me that one only of three were in his possession, the other two have absconded immediately after he purchased them, & readily agreed to deliver the one to my order. The public business I am now engaged in called me from home about the latter end of June, since which I have not been in Cumberland. I authorized Mr. Codrington Carrington to apply to Mr. Ross for them. I, a few days past, rec'd a letter from him informing me that he applied to his agent at the Point of fork, who refused to deliver the slave in his possession, as he had not received instructions for Mr. Ross to do so, & that the two that were absconded had come to my house, and still remain there. Any instructions from the Executive as to the future disposal of those, as well as the one in possession of Mr. Fearn, I shall be glad to receive at the next Cumberland Court, as that is the only time I shall be at home between this and the latter end of October. As I shall during that time engaged in the business before mentioned, a letter lodged with Mr. James Dean in Richmond will come to hand at Cumberland Court. Theoderick Scruggs who leased the furnace lands of Mr. Rively has lately offered to deliver the possession of the land to me. The offer I did not think myself authorised to receive; at his request I promised to inform the Executive of his proposition; he wishes not to be involved in a suit on that account, which is the reason he offers for wishing to give up the lease; if the Executive

Prince Edward

Property belonging to Buchanan Furnace Negroes

Instructions as to their disposal will reach him at Cumberland C. H.

Lease of Furnace land

1789. think it advisable to accept of his proposition, their instructions on that  
 August 1st head shall be my guide.

With respect &c.,  
 Yr. Mo. Ob. Serv.

August 1st The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from Mr. Mayo Carrington, informing him that he had, agreeable to the former Instructions of the Executive, taken into his possession several negroes the property of the public heretofore employed at the Buchanan Furnace.

Instructed Whereon it is advised that Mr. Carrington be desired after giving by the Board sufficient notice, to offer them for sale at Cumberland Court House, on to sell the six months credit for specie, taking Bond with sufficient security for negroes the amount of the Purchase money.

August 4th GO. WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,  
 New York Agreeably to the Resolution of Congress of the 5th of June, I do myself the honor to enclose to your Excellency an act to regulate the Collection of the Duties imposed by Law on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels, and on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into the United States.

I have the Honor to be With due consideration,  
 Your Excellencys most Obedient & most Humble Servt.

His Excellency BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

August 4th COL. WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 Captain Denham, who has been engaged in the business of his appointment, has applied for £7 more. The bearer, Col. Lee, can inform you what he has done, that if your Excellency thinks proper, a warrant may be given to him.

I am your Obed. Servt.

Two Petitions to the Governor, numerously signed by Citizens of Loudoun County, and others praying the pardon of George Quick, late of the County of Loudoun, who was condemned for horse stealing, at the District Court held at Dumfries. 1789. August 4th

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David Sheppard, County Lieut. of Ohio, to Mr. Archibald Wood Esq., Transmits a full list of the Number of Militia in the County of Ohio—Effective Men, 545—Non effective men, 72—Cavalry, 18—Total 635. August 5th

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Sales at Auction of the State Boats Liberty & Patriot, Whale boat, Searcher's boat, &c., pr. Order of Capt. Richard Taylor: August 6th

Boat Patriot, James Young purchaser, £431, Loan office or Soldier's Certificate. Norfolk Sale of the boats Patriot

Moses Myers, Purchaser of Boat Liberty, at £501, Loan office or and Liberty Soldier's Certificate.

Thomas Allen, purchaser of the Whale Boat, for £325, Loan Office or Soldier's Certificate.

William A. Bailey, Purchaser of the Searcher's Boat, £36, Loan Office or Soldier's Certificate.

James Caton, 1 Lott Bomshells & Pigg Iron, £81, Loan Office or Soldier's Certificate, &c., &c; 1 "Lott Bomshells & Pigg Iron; 1 Scin, about 35 Fathom; 1 old Foresail & Some blocks; 1 Arm chest, Contain'g Musketts, Pistols, &c.; 1 Arm chest Contain'g Musketts, Pistols, &c.; 1 old stove, oyl Juggs, &c.; 2 Two pound Cannon Gunns, & 16 Swivells.

Nett proceeds of the above sundries being £28, in specie; Nett proceeds of sale of boats, £270, 6s, 3d, in specie, making a total of £298, 6s, 3d. Deduct Commissions for Advertising, Crying sale, Collecting, taking bonds, &c., a 5 p'r cent., making £14, 18s, 3½d, leaving a nett balance of £283, 7s, 11½d. Above sale was made and Account sales signed by George Kelly, N. M.

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Account current of Capt. Richard Taylor with George Kelly, giving the nett proceeds in specie of the sales of the State boats Liberty & Patriot, and Materials as pr. Sales, amounting to £283, 7s, 11½d. Norfolk August 8th

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Pay Roll of Company of Rangers stationed on the Great Kanawha, Wm. Clendinen, Capt.: The names of said Company being Wm. Clendinen, Greenbrier August 8th

1789. Capt.; Geo. Shaw, Lieut.; Francis Watkins, Ensign; Shederick Harmon,  
 August 8th Sgt.; Ruben Slauter, Sgt.; and 26 privates, viz: John Tollyprunt; Wm.  
 Rangers Carroll; Wm. Turrell; Saml. Dunbar; Thos. Shirkey; Wm. Hyllard;  
 John Burns; Nicholas Null; John Cavinder; Isaac Snedecor; Archer  
 Price; Henry Morris; Wm. Miller; Benjn. Morris; Chas. Young; John  
 Buckle; Levy Morris; Wm. George; James Edger; Joseph Burwell;  
 Alex. Clendinen; Michl. Newhouse; Wm. Boggs; John Moore; Robert  
 Aron; Wm. Morris.

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August 10th Certificate of rations furnished Rangers by Geo. Clendinen for 26 pri-  
 Rations for vates, 2 Sergts., one Ensign, one Lieut., and one Capt., from first of March  
 Rangers till first of July, amounting to Three thousand seven hundred & eighty-  
 two rations at seven pence half penny per Ration & purchased of Wm.  
 Morris, Leonard Morris & others, being a ration per day for above num-  
 ber of men. & amounting to £118, 3s. 9d.

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August 10th GEO. CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Greenbrier Inclosed I have sent your Excellency a letter respecting the Situation  
 Affairs on of Affairs on the Kanawha. The Recommendation for Magistrates in  
 the Kanawha the new County; The Pay Roll of Wm. Clendinen, Capt. of the Rangers  
 together with the amount of Rations actually furnish'd.

I am your Excellences obt. Servt.

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August 10th LETTER FROM GEO. CLENDINEN AND ANDREW DONNALLY TO GOVERNOR  
 RANDOLPH.

Sir,

New county Your Excellency and the Hon'ble Board by Recurring to the Law  
 of Kanawha forming a new county out of the Counties of Greenbrier and Mont-  
 gomery, will find that it is to be a separate and distinct one, called and  
 known by the name of Kanawha, from and after the first day of October  
 next, and whereas, we have patronised The formation of said County,  
 and with the people of this County it is Expected that we will do every  
 thing in our power for the promotion of the new one; and whereas, no  
 person or persons, as we have understood, have yet proceeded to Recom-  
 mend the Magistrates for said new County, We therefore take the liberty  
 to Recommend to your consideration, The following Gentlemen to-wit:  
 Thomas Lewis, Robert Clendinen, Francis Watkins. Charles McClung,

Benjamin Strother, Wm. Clendinen, David Robinson, Geo. Alderson, 1789.  
Leonard Morris, & James Vanbebber, Gentlemen as fit persons to fill August 10th  
the office of the peace in said new County, and as in all probability, no  
opportunity will again serve for their Commissions to come to Hand  
Before the s'd County takes place. We hope if the Executive should  
approve of the afores'd Gentlemen, their Commissions will be forwarded  
by the bearer Mr. Reuben Slaughter. We are Intirely unacquainted  
with the mode pursued in those cases and therefore must Beg your  
Excellencies pardon, and Hon'ble Board, if we have assumed a part  
which we ought not.

We have the Hon'r to be with great Respect & Esteem,  
Your Excellencies Ob't Serv'ts.

N. B. His Excellency & the Hon'ble Council will, I trust, pardon the  
appearance of my name to the recommendation of two men so near to  
me as Brothers, & be assured that my Indelicacy in that Respect has  
proceeded from no other motive other than a consciousness of their  
merit, which I flatter myself, their public and private characters will  
manifest through life.

I am with true Respect,  
Your Excellencies ob't serv't.

LETTER FROM GEO. CLENDINEN, C. L. G. C., TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH, IN August 10th  
REGARD TO AFFAIRS IN KANAWHA.

Sir,

I Receiv'd your Excellencies favor of the 23rd of May last, by the Greenbrier  
Hand of young Mr. Renick, wherein I found I was directed to inform  
the Executive of the number of Scouts and Rangers I had Employed  
for the defence of the Inhabitants of Kanawha, and also to discharge  
any number that exceeded a sergt. and twelve men. The number of  
Rangers I had ordered on duty, I should have specifically mentioned,  
but consider'd it unnecessary as I could order out but one half, unless  
I had previously Consulted the Executive; and as to such part of my  
orders as Respected the discharge of the Rangers, I should have most  
pointedly obeyed, had not the Indians previons to the time of my  
Receiving the Executive's orders and after I had wrote to the Executive,  
killed and taken ten persons on the settlement of Clinch, (and neer to  
the settlements of Kanawha.) and likewise, other sign of different  
Indians discovered in divers place on that quarter. However, imme-  
diately on the Receipt of your orders, I wrote you by private convey-  
ance, (as you had Requested me to make use of such, as frequent as  
possible, and forbear to send by Express,) the danger that to me was  
apparent. The number of Scouts & Rangers, then Employ'd for the

Number of  
Scouts &  
Rangers

Indians  
murdering  
the Inhabi-  
tants on  
Clinch  
Settlement

1789. defence of Kanawha, and then Immediately Repair'd myself to the  
 August 10th Stations on the Kanawha and to the mouth thereof, at Point Pleasant.  
 In order to find out as fully as possible the disposition of the Indians,  
 as the Executive had Informed me they had no official Information  
 thereof; And must beg leave to lay before your Excellency and the  
 Honorable Board, that In my opinion no other disposition prevails  
 amongst them Towards our frontiers, other than that of Committing  
 Every murder and Theft in their power, which is clearly Manifested as  
 followeth: The first of last month they Barbarously murdered A man,  
 Indian and wounded four others at the mouth of Little Miami, killed a Capt.  
 murder near Hockhocken and in King near Hockhocken, and a very few days agoe killed a Mr. Davis In  
 Kanawha Robbed four other men of their Horses in said County who  
 neerly escap'd in the night with their lives, and since I left the Station  
 at the mouth of Elk, there has been the sign of fifteen or sixteen dis-  
 covered neer the late settlement Established at the mouth of Coal, twelve  
 miles below Elk; which different Hostilities together with many others  
 that are daily committing on our neighbouring counties, I doubt not will  
 Justify my Conduct in Continuing the Rangers I ordered on Duty this  
 Spring, Who's number, as I wrote you by my private Conveyance, Con-  
 sisted of Twenty-five privates; But find since I Receiv'd the Captain's Mus-  
 ter Roll, Consists of twenty-six privates, Captain, Lieut., Ensign, and two  
 Sergts., which officers, to me, has ever appeared Indispensably necessary.  
 If the Company is even not Compleate, there being no field officers or  
 Captains neerer them than one Hundred miles, Consequently, If a Gen-  
 eral Invasion was to take place, It would be an improper time to appoint  
 those officers. Indeed, I believe If they could be procured at all, to  
 serve In the moment of Invasion, they would scarcely answer a God pur-  
 pose, being, perhaps, such as would be altogether Inexperienced in In-  
 dian Affairs. And, However desirous the Executive may be to Husband  
 the public money, I beg leave to Inform them that a less number than  
 those now on Duty will answer no Essential purpose, as the present  
 number are obliged to be dispersed in sundry places to Guard the  
 people in attending their crops, and cannot collect a sufficient number  
 when mischief is done until the savages have an opportunity of Making  
 their Escapes; thus the Good Design of Government is obstructed by  
 an over Rigid Parsimony. Whereas, If the whole company was on  
 duty, a sufficient number Could be always kept together to give chase  
 on a moments warning, as was the Case last year, while victory mark'd  
 the steps of Every attempt was made to pursue those wanton destroyers  
 of Mankind. Yet, notwithstanding the very great necessity I see of  
 augmenting the number of Rangers, My power is so Definite that unless  
 I have the Approbation of your Hon'ble Board, no other consideration  
 than the County being Generally Invaded would licence or Justify an  
 augmentation by me.

I have herewith Inclosed the Pay Roll for the present year, up till

the first of July, and also the amount of Rations That have been actually furnished, which Rations were as difficult to purchase as well as convey to the Kanawha, as they were last year occasioned by the Tardy payments of those lately furnished, and the Extreame Bad appearance of crops in our quarter, from an Excessive Drooth that has prevailed all over our back Counties. The Executive will therefore be pleas'd to fix the price per Ration knowing how it was settled for last year.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect and Esteem,  
Your Excellencies ob't & very H'ble Servt.

P.S. On receiving no answer to the last letter I wrote by private conveyance, and not knowing How I should conduct myself, I have been compelled to send these By Express, and trust I shall be fully Instructed How I shall proceed the Ballance of the year, or such part thereof as danger may be apprehended in from the savages. The number of Scouts that have been Employ'd this year are four; To-wit: Leonard Cooper, Charles McClung, Charles Asbury, & John Young, certificates of the time of their service is herewith Inclos'd, which accounts as well as those for Rations, and Rangers' services, I trust your Excellency will direct to be Audited, and pay'd if possible. This Express will, I hope be paid, as it is with great difficulty That I have procured his service.

JOHN KEARNES TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

August 10th

Sir,

Some days ago, I committed to Jail, six pirates for the cruel and inhuman murder of a Captain Lapelle, master of the Brigantine Aurora, sailing under the French flag, and a subject of his most Christian Majesty. He was bound from Port au Prince to Cyann in South America. Ten days after he left that place, three of the crew rebelled and threw him and the cook overboard. They then took command of the vessel, stood for the Continent, and made the E. shore of our State: upon the appearance of it, they sunk the Vessel, took to the Boats, and came on shore; from thence proceeded to this place, reporting as they came along, that their vessel foundered at sea.

Portsmouth  
French  
Pirates

Now, sir, will you be so obliging as to inform me if there is any law of our State to condemn those wicked wretches for this barbarous murder committed on the high seas?

It is doubted here, and some say they must be sent to France. Pray be so obliging as to favour me with your thoughts respecting them, and directions how to conduct myself, as the committing magistrate.

I am with every sentiment of respectful attachment,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient servant.



1789. N. B. The French Consul has this moment left me. He wishes to get  
 August 10th the criminals to send them on board the fleet at York Town. I beg you  
 to be so good as to give men your orders by return of Post in this busi-  
 ness.

Your most obedient humble servant.

August 10th CHARLES LEE TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH, IN REFERENCE TO HIS  
 PROCLAMATION RESPECTING THE CESSATION OF DUTIES.

Sir,  
 Alexandria Last month I received your letter accompanied with your proclama-  
 tion respecting the cessation of duties, and I have accordingly conducted  
 myself. Herewith are the returns from the naval office of Alexandria  
 for the last quarter, viz: from the 20th April to 20th July, and from 20th  
 July to 1st August; also the returns from the naval office of Yeocomico  
 for the last quarter, viz: from the 20th April to the 20th July; whether  
 any entries have been made there since the 20th July I do not know,  
 and I have not had time yet to hear from thence in answer to the letter  
 I wrote touching the termination of the office, but I think it probable  
 no entries have been made there since the 20th July, in which case, the  
 present returns are complete as to this district.

From the manner in which the laws are understood here by others as  
 well as myself, I consider it my duty to receive payment of the bonds  
 as may be offered here, according to the 27th Section of the naval office  
 law of 1787, which stands unrepealed, for the act of last session  
 relates to books and papers of office of such nature as to require public  
 preservation, and not bonds which on payment of certain sums are to be  
 restored to the obligors. To retain these bonds makes this difference to  
 the naval officer, that if he collects them, he will receive a commission  
 of 1 pr. cent. otherwise not; and this difference to the merchant that he  
 will pay them more conveniently here than in Richmond; and this  
 difference to the Commonwealth that the duties will be sooner paid to  
 the treasury. However, I am ready to obey whatever orders may be  
 sent me from the hon'ble Executive upon this subject.

I have the honour to subscribe myself most respectfully Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant.

August 10th JOHN C. LITTLEPAGE, CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Suffolk  
 Alterations  
 and repairs  
 of Suffolk  
 Goal

Sending a copy of the order of the Court appointing four gentlemen  
 (therein named), to examine into the condition of the Gaol, and report  
 such alterations and repairs as they may deem advisable for criminals

and debtors, together with an Estimate of the Expenses of such alterations, if any, shall be found necessary. This copy of the Court's order is accompanied with the return of the four gentlemen suggesting certain alterations, repairs & improvements with estimate of cost thereof.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO MR. BLAIR.

August 11th

Reporting Cash on hand in the Treasury Aug. 1st, 1789, as follows:

Treasurer's  
report to  
Auditor

Amount p. Mr. Auditor's Return of warrants issued to

Scouts & Rangers, - - - - - £6,759 1s. 7d.

And then Rations to 1st Aug., 1789, - - - - - 5,300 0, 0.

1,459, 1, 7.

Warrants to Scouts & Rangers discharged, viz: under Reso-  
lution of Assembly, to amo. of - - - - - £800

Warrants

Discharged & set apart, under order of Executive to July 31,  
1789, - - - - - 4,500

£5,300

Specie remaining in Treasury, 1st August, 1789, - - - - - £4,100

HENRY BANKS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

August 11th

In relation to certain claims he has against the Commonwealth, contracted by Mr. Armistead, an agent of the government, during the Revolution, and about which previous correspondence had been entered into with the Executive. Mr. Banks encloses explicit memoranda from the books of Mr. Armistead, and requests a settlement of his account, strengthened by the explicit opinion of Mr. Armistead, that the claim ought to be paid.

Richmond  
claims vs.  
Common-  
wealth

GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO BEVERLY  
RANDOLPH.

August 11th  
New York  
Acts for Ter-  
ritory N. W.  
of Ohio  
River  
Light  
Houses, &c.  
Executive

Sir,

I do myself the honor to transmit to your Excellency the following Acts, viz: An act to provide for the Government of the Territory North-west of the River Ohio. An act for the Establishment and support of

1789. Light-Houses, Beacons, Buoys and public Piers. An act to establish an  
 August 11th Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War. And  
 Department likewise the duplicate of an act for settling the accounts between the  
 Accounts be- United States and Individual States.  
 tween  
 United States and individual States

I have the Honor to be, with due consideration,  
 Your Excellency's most Obed't Servt.

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August 11th

HILLARY MOSELEY TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond A petition citing the fact that he is Secerity in a Duty Bond for James  
 Petition for Coats, for about forty pounds, on which judgment is obtained, Exection  
 relief as issued but no property found. As he is likely to suffer thereby, begs the  
 security on Governor to direct the Solicitor to suspend an Execution against him  
 Duty bond of until next April by which time he can either get the money from Mr.  
 Jas. Coats Coats or pay it himself.

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August 11th

WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Richmond Informing him that he has nearly completed the collection of the  
 Vouchers that are to be found here and asks directions as to the mode of  
 to be carried taking them safely to New York. He finds the entries in the Auditor's  
 to New York books in many instances so short that the nature of the charge cannot  
 be known but by an examination of the Executive Journals and those  
 of other Boards. The books of these boards prior to 81 are indispensa-  
 bly necessary, as the orders on which the Auditors acted were destroyed  
 with their other papers. He is compelled therefore by necessity to ask  
 Asking for permission to carry with him Auditor's and Treasurer's books and Executive  
 to carry with him Auditor's and Treasurer's books and Executive Journals up  
 to 1781 to 1781  
 United States to pay expenses demanded of the United States.

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August 12th

L. Wood, Public Solicitor to the Executive, reporting on claim of Banks & Co., and is in the following words:

Richmond

Pursuant to an Order of Conneil, dated the 4th June, I proceeded to consider the Certificate of Mr. Armistead's, then granted and reported thereon, which was laid before the Governor & Council at the special instance & request of Henry Banks, Esq., who thought he could prevail on Mr. Armistead to be more explicit. Mr. Banks has now produced

another, which I think, sanctions the whole Account & therefore conceived there was nothing further for me to say upon the subject, but it appearing from Mr. Blair's information that the Executive still expects a report from me, I am constrained to make the following observations: 1789. August 12th

If the Executive admits Mr. Armistead's Certificate dated July, 1789, as conclusive, Mr. Banks' Account with Interest, will stand as I apprehend, nearly as he states it in No. 2, except such alterations as the errors in Interest may occasion.

But on the other hand, should the Executive disapprove of this settlement & it is left to me, I cannot recede from my former & inclosed report, which was made on Principles that have ever guided in similar instances, to-wit: where proof of transactions are wanting & Books belonging to the Department remain whereto reference can be had, the publick Books have been the rule of adjustment; so in this case; Mr. Banks presented his account; reference was had to Mr. Armistead's Books; Mr. Banks was interrogated as to the difference in the Entries which he could not account for, & the account was adjusted agreeable thereto. Mr. Banks wished to return Notes for Tobacco, which were then supposed inadmissable from the delay. Mr. Banks applied to Mr. Armistead, who with good reason said that a lapse of eight or nine years might be supposed, would prevent an accurate recollection, but admits the small charges of Sugar &c., as proper. He refers to sundry accounts for the charge of Money paid Mr. Moss, if no other proof was offered by Mr. Banks, which have been examined & nothing appears. Mr. Armistead admits the propriety of receiving the Tobacco Notes, had they been returned during his agency, & thinks the Interest reasonable. It appeared to me from the list of the Tobacco, that it was paid since the devastation of the Enemy, induced me to admit it, in addition to the smaller articles, provided the Notes were deposited in such office as the Executive might order; still subject to the final consideration of the Executive together with the Interest. This adjustment still being dissatisfactory to Mr. Banks, he craved time to repeat his application to Mr. Armistead, thinking that he might still have it in his power to convince him of his loss should the account be closed as proposed, & from what Mr. Armistead sets forth in that Certificate, I then thought, & still think, all was allowed that that Certificate would justify.

However, it now appears Mr. Armistead settles Mr. Bank's account. He admits the £3,000 paid to Mr. Moss, tho. not recollected, & seems to justify it from the difference in the Money credited the State by Mr. Banks on account of Col. Godfrey, & the sum charged therefor on Mr. Armistead's Books to the Debit of Messrs. Hunter, Banks, & Co., a connection that I must confess I do not understand, & was it not for Mr. Armistead's well known intimacy with accounts, should suppose he mistook the matter.

Mr. Armistead has received from Mr. Banks, Notes for 6 hlds. of Tobo., permits his debitting the state with a deficiency in reprizing 20

1789. hlds. of Tobacco, and deems the Interest reasonable untill paid; hence  
 August 12th there appears nothing for me to adjust, upon a supposition that the Executive admits Mr. Armistead's settlement as final. Otherwise my report is as inclosed.

With all submission, I am the Executive's

Most obt. & very h'ble servt.

August 12th Archibald Denholm to Governor Randolph requesting him to mention  
 Richmond to the Council the application made by him this day for Five Pounds to pay Mr. Burnley, which he advanced him.

August 15th David Buchanan, alderman of said Town, Certificate of Register of  
 Petersburg Schooner Liberty, lately belonging to the State, is a square starned Ves-  
 Register of sel of sixty tons Burthen, built in Hampton, Virginia, in the year 84, is  
 schooner commanded by Hillery Moseley and navigated by three men; Owned by  
 Liberty Moses Myers and William & James Douglas, citizens of this state, and  
 that the master and mate have been citizens of this State for more than  
 one year preceeding this date.

August 18th EDMUND RUFFIN, JR., COL., TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Prince Return of the Militia of Prince George for April, 1789, with a return  
 George Co. of arms, ammunition & accoutrements, together with a letter explaining  
 Return of the reasons why he had not made the returns for the last year; saying  
 Militia, &c. that his returns for last year were regularly made to Col. Bland, his  
 superior officer, who can alone relieve him from this difficulty. If the  
 return is meant to account for fines, he has never till the date of enclosed  
 return, been invested with the power to direct the collection of, or  
 receive any. Col. Bland being then engaged in Congress, and the com-  
 mand devolving on him. If clerk of the Ct. Martial of his county can  
 furnish the amt. of Fines heretofore imposed, will make Enquiry as to  
 their collection. No information to ascertain the sums collected or to  
 be collected had been put into his custody.

August 18th

WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Prince  
 Edward  
 District

Giving information that at least £250 specie are due in this district,  
 which should have been collected long ago, could he have prevailed on

the proper officers to have received it; and suggesting that orders be given to Capt. Morton, formerly district Commissioner to collect it, and pay it over to the present proper officers. 1789. August 18th

WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

August 19th

Sir,

I beg leave to inform your Excellency that on consideration of the state of the business under my direction, I find there will be an absolute necessity for the continuance of two clerks with me. There are several reasons which might be mentioned to prove this necessity, arising from the extent of the business itself. The darkness & uncertainty occasioned by the loss of vouchers & papers, which can only be supplied, and at best very partially, by a laborious research into very numerous extraneous documents, from whence after all, not much information can be obtained, and yet that little may be the best to be found. Add to this the derangement of accounts & vouchers, which an almost entire want of knowledge of the laws and arrangements of the State has occasioned among the papers taken on by the District Commissioner, and which must all undergo a revision, so far as to correct accounts with vouchers, and to make such adjustments of them according to the laws which produced them and the agents who conducted them, as will facilitate the application of the proofs, and render the whole more perspicuous. Mr. Duncomb, upon farther conversation with him is willing to continue on his present allowance, trusting however to the future consideration of the Executive for any thing additional which his services may deserve.

Richmond  
Continuing  
two clerks

Accounts

Revision

Mr. Burnley, who is a young man of patience & understanding, will be the Second Clerk, but on account of the greater expense of living in New York, hopes an allowance of £20, or £25 a year more than his present wages. When the papers arrive at New York, there will be an absolute necessity of renting a room for the purposes of the examination & adjustment, which I have before mentioned, and of comparing and selecting the proofs. The expence on this account will perhaps be at the rate of £40, or £50 a year, and shall be discontinued as soon as it can be dispensed with, and indeed I should hope that after a while, perhaps one clerk will be sufficient for the common business of the office. Mr. Burnley will set out with the papers as soon as they are ready to move, but expects his expences will be borne by the public. He will be at a loss for a horse, saddle, & bridle, unless your Excellency shall empower him to procure them at public expence, to be sold at New York, upon his arrival, or shall point out a better mode. I have not yet been able to contract for a waggon & team on such terms as I think moderate. I beg leave to assure your Excellency that fully sensible of the number of years since this business of settling our continental ac-

Renting  
room in New  
York

Horse, Sad-  
dle, &c.

Wagon and  
team

1789. count was first begun, and of the sums of Money it has already cost  
 August 19th the State. I have constantly in my view the necessity & propriety of  
 the strictest economy; a consideration only to be dispensed with, when  
 interfering with the proper execution of the business itself. I request  
 information on the subjects of this letter as soon as convenient, and  
 have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's  
 Most obedt. servt.

August 21st Wm. Davies states that Mr. Cock will transport the books and papers  
 to New York to support the claim of this state against the United  
 States, and is in the following words:

Contract for "Mr. Cock is willing to undertake the transportation of the books  
 transporting books and & papers from hence to New York in 20 or 25 days for £15 and ferriages,  
 books and and £12 & ferriages returning. He insists on £12 in advance to enable  
 New York him to equip the waggon, &c. I do not conceive myself empowered to  
 make such an advance, without the consent of the Governor or members  
 of Council."

August 21st

HENRY LEE TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Dear Sir,

Alexandria  
 Subject of  
 appointment  
 of Militia  
 officers in  
 Westmore-  
 land county

It is with regret that I find myself obliged to trouble the  
 Executive again on the subject of the militia appointments in the  
 county of Westmoreland. But until the other day, this necessary  
 business never was completed by the Court.

Will your Excellency please to transmit the commissions to Col.  
 Washington, so soon as they are ready, who will in my absence, take  
 the proper steps for preparing the militia of the county for the Autumn  
 muster.

I have the honor to be with great regard,  
 Your Excellency's obt.

Militia  
 officers  
 appointed

The following persons were appointed officers of the Militia, at a  
 Court held for Westmoreland County the 28th day of July, 1789, which  
 is certified by Jas. Bland, clerk of Westmoreland Court, to-wit: William  
 Augustine Washington, Colonel, William Nelson, Lieutenant Colonel,  
 George Garner, Capt., John Critcher Lieutenant, and Wm. Atwell,  
 Ensign; William Middleton, Capt., Fleet Cox, Jr., Lieut., Benedict Lam-  
 kin, Ensign; Philip Lee, Capt., Corbin Washington, Lieut., and Ariss  
 Buckner, Ensign; William Edwards, Capt., Wm. Robinson Dozier, Lieut.,

Girard Robinson Hull, Ensign; Edward Sanford, Capt., Charles Muse, 1789.  
Lieut., John Marmaduke, Ensign; Richard Muse, Capt., Richard San- August 21st  
ford, Lieut., John Perry, Ensign; Elliot Monroe, Capt., Lewis Smith,  
Lieut., Lovel Harrison, Ensign; William Payne, Captain, James Brewer,  
Lieut., John Pierce, Ensign.

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HAYNES MORGAN TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

August 22d

Complaining that the County Court had recommended Lieut. Col. Pittsylvania  
Stephen Coleman to be Colonel of the first Battalion of Militia, and County  
Mr. Constant Perkins a private in the second Battalion, to be major  
in the first. He claims that he is entitled to the promotion, being the  
Eldest Colonel. These promotions occur by reason of the death of  
Col. Abraham Shelton of the first Battalion.

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ANDREW DUNSCOMB TO LT. GOV. WOOD.

August 25th

Asking the Executive for an order for the amount of wages as clerk.

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GEO. WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO GOV. BEVERLY August 30th  
RANDOLPH.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency a Resolution of New York  
Congress for carrying into effect, a Survey directed to be made by the Resolution  
late Congress, and requesting the President of the United States to of Congress  
appoint a proper person to compleat the same. for Survey

Also the duplicate of an Act relative to Negotiations and Treaties Negotiations  
with the Indian Tribes. with Indian  
Tribes.

I have the honor to be with due consideration,

Your Excellency's most ob't and most Humble Servt.

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Woodford County Court recommending to the Governor the appoint- Sept. 1st  
ment of Robert Johnson as County Lieutenant, in place of Gen'l Charles Woodford  
Scott, who refuses to act. Also recommending Wm. Stute for Colonel County  
of the County, and John Finney, as Lieutenant Col. of Militia for this County Lt. Col. of  
County Lt. Col. of  
Militia.



1789. The following persons are recommended by the Woodford Co. Court  
 Sept. 1st to the Governor, for Militia offices of this County, to-wit:  
 Woodford Bartlet Collins, Major, Jacob Stucker, Capt., Archibald Campbell,  
 County Capt., James Finney, Capt., George Gray, Lieutenant, Rhodes Thomp-  
 Militia son, Lieutenant, Thomas Mitchell, Lieutenant, John Rodgers, Ensign,  
 officers William Davis, Ensign, & James Hayden, Ensign.

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Sept. 7th COL. SILAS HEDGES TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Ohio County Resigning and returning his Commission as Colonel of the Militia of  
 Resigning Ohio County, on account of old age and infirmities. This commission  
 his Commis- is dated at Williamsburg, June 28, 1777, and is signed by John Page.  
 sion

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Sept. 8th ANDREW HYNES TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Nelson Co. Resigning his commission as Lieutenant of this County, on account of  
 declining health.

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Nelson Co. NELSON COUNTY COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Lieut. of Recommending Will May for Lieutenant of this County. Proctor  
 County Ballard to be Capt. of Militia; ——— Pottenger for Lieutenant; John  
 Militia off- Robinson, Ensign; Edward Williams for Capt.; David Cleaver for Lieut.,  
 cers. & John Bryant, for Ensign.

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Sept. 10th JOHN EDWARDS TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Bourbon Sir,  
 County The inclosed is an account of the Expenses incurred in the defence  
 Expenses in of the County of Bourbon, since your Letter and advice of Council,  
 defence of except a few rangers that was ordered into service for a small space of  
 County time, on the most distant frontiers, and from whom I have not been  
 able to ascertain any account respecting their expenditures. All the  
 injury done us this summer has been two men wounded and some horses  
 stol'n. We have received no other, Subsequent to the discharge of the  
 Act of Con- Scouts. Your inclosed acts of Congress respecting the oath to Support  
 gress The Federal Constitution, came to hand, but the Magistrate by some  
 The oath to accident, not making a Court, the persons therein prescribed, prevented  
 support the the Federal Con- from taking the oath agreeable to said act.  
 stitution

Doubts have arisen from my having any authority in this County under the invasion and insurrection Law, and as we are subject to frequent and sudden attacks from the Indians, from which we cannot be relieved from the Scattered Military force on the North-west side of the Ohio, I therefore beg your advice with the Executive's on that subject.

1789.

Sept. 10th

Indians

I am sir,

Your ob't Servt.

ROBERT TODD TO JOHN HAWKINS.

Sept. 10th

Making application for the office of County Surveyor, in place of Fayette Co. Thomas Marshall, resigned, and this letter accompanied by the recommendation of Fayette County Court, dated July 15th, 1789, for said Todd to that position.

County  
Surveyor

WM. COCKE'S ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AS PER AGREEMENT WITH COL. WM. DAVIES.

Sept. 11th

Richmond

For hire of Waggon, team, &c., to carry Books & papers belonging to the State of Virginia from Richmond to New York, amounting to,	£27.	0s.	0d	Hire of waggon and team to carry Books, &c. to New York
Cash advanced by Thos. W. Cocke, driver for ferriage, as per sundry receipts, &c., from Richmond to New York and return,		3,	9,	8
3 days detainure of waggon for want of a discharge,		1,	10,	0
	£31,	19s.,	8d	

1789, Aug. 25—By Cash Rec'd of Col. Wm.

Davies in part, - £15, 0s, 0d

Sept. 11—By Cash rec'd of R. Burn-

ley, - - - 8, 3, 0

Balance due W. Cocke, - - - 8, 16, 8

£31, 19s, 8d

List of ferriages paid by Thos. W. Cocke, on above trip:

Ferriages

1789, Aug. 30.	Cash p'd at Fredericksburg,	-	-	2s,	6d
31.	ditto Colechester,	-	-	2,	4
Sep. 1.	ditto George Town,	-	-	6,	0
2.	ditto Elkridge Landing,	-	-	2,	0
4.	ditto Susquehanah,	-	-	10,	0
7.	ditto Senytkill,	-	-	1,	0

1789.	1789, Sep.	8.	Cash p'd at Shamany Creek,	-	-	1, 6
Sept. 11th		8.	ditto Delaware,	-	-	5, 0
		9.	ditto Newbrunswick,	-	-	4, 6
						<hr/> £1, 14s, 10d
	Same Returning,	-	-	-	-	1, 14, 10
						<hr/> £3, 9s, 8d

The above account of ferriages is certified to by Thomas W. Coeke.

Sept. 13th DAVID SHEPPERD COUNTY LIEUTENANT TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Ohio County Stating that he had sent a list of the spies & Rangers of the County  
Spies and for the current year; Says that there is a balance of £49, 7s, due the  
Rangers last year's contractor for rations, which he thinks him liable for, and  
Capt. Bilder- hopes the Executive will settle. The articles of agreement between  
back and them and his proven account is in the hands of the Council; have had  
wife taken no disturbance with the Indians since Capt. Bilderbuck & wife were  
by Indians taken prisoners about two months ago, & not yet heard from.

Sept. 13th DAVID SHEPPERD, Co. LIEUT., TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Ohio County Returning Capt. Wm. McMahan's Pay Roll for 3 officers & 50 pri-  
vates together with a list of spies ordered for the present year, for the  
defence of the County, to-wit: Vackal Dickeson, Lewis Whetsell, John  
Millar, Saml. Brady, Peter Cox, George Cox, & James Mitchell. 4,040  
rations delivered by Walter Buckhammon at 6d per ration.

Two addi- Peter & George Cox were sent out by the request of the inhabitants of  
tional Spies the County as additional spies, and to be laid before the Executive.  
Accompanying this is a letter signed by Benj'n Biggs & John Henderson,  
dated Richmond, Nov. 8, 1790, stating that the frequent incursions of the  
Indians, and the constant dread of a helpless & Extended frontier,  
induced the County Lieut. to call into service two additional Scouts, viz:  
Pete & George Cox, who discharged their duties with fidelity, hoping  
the Executive will lay their claim before the Board; trusting that they  
will reconsider the matter, & allow them the compensation they justly  
merit.

WM. C. DUNBAR TO THE GOVERNOR.

1789.

This letter is so queerly written and spelled that it is almost unintelligible. It seems that Mr. Dunbar is perplexed of women, who follow him through the Country; that he is afraid of his life, and cannot attend to his business; asks assistance from the Governor to put a stop to this trouble.

Sept. 15th  
No place  
given

JNO. BOUSH, CLK. OF COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 18th

Certifying that the Court recommends the continuance of the pension heretofore allowed Sarah Linton, widow of Bernard Linton a soldier in 2nd State Regiment, for the benefit of Lemuel, Lydia, & Lucy Linton, orphans of the said Bernard & Sarah Linton, they being young, and having no means. Also certifying that Elisha McBride had been appointed Guardian of the said orphans & given security.

Norfolk Co.  
Pension  
Bernard  
Linton  
His orphans  
Lemuel,  
Lydia, and  
Lucy

ALEXANDER MOSELEY, CK. JUSTICE COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 21st

Certifying that the Court recommends the following persons to be officers of Militia, viz; James Ramsay for Lieutenant and John Brent, John Swallowood, & John Pryor, for Ensigns. This certificate is enclosed in letter from Thos. Newton, Jr., asking the Executive to send the Commissions.

Norfolk  
Borough  
Militia officers

MR. DEMARBOIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 21st

Introducing Mr. Chevalier a French man, who has claims due him from the state, and requests that he be afforded Every facility to a settlement, as soon as his claims are ascertained.

New York

JOHN BECKLY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Sept. 21st

In the House of Representatives of the United States,  
Monday, the 21st September, 1789.

No place  
given

The House proceeded to consider the Report which lay on the Table from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial and petition of the public Creditors of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania  
Creditors

WM. QUER, Asst.-Secy.

WM. QUER, Ass't. Sec'y.

In obedience to an order of the House of Representatives of the 21st Instant, (Copy of which I have the honor to enclose.) It becomes my duty to request your Excellency to procure and transmit to this

office the Documents and information therein required. As the next Sessions of the Legislature will be on the 1 Monday of January ensuing, it is greatly to be wished that the whole of the above Statements may be forwarded to this office before that day; particularly the Statement of the Loan office Certificates, or other public securities of the United States, which may be in the Treasury of your State. 1789. Sept. 26th Statements of the public Debt Loan office Certificates

This last Statement is immediately necessary to enable me to prepare with the requisite accuracy, the plan referred to in other resolutions of the House of the same date, with those above mentioned; a Copy of which is likewise enclosed for your Information.

It would be advisable to transmit at the same time, as accurate a Statement as can be made of the Interest, if any, which the State may have paid on the Evidences of the public Debt above mentioned. Interest

I have the honor to be sir,

Your most obed't Servt.

His Excellency the Governor of the State of Virginia.

Benj'n Wilson, giving a list of the Mischief done by the Indians in the County of Harrison, viz: Sept. 27th Harrison County

September 19th, 1789—William Johnson's family, four killed and four Captivated, horses taken, Cattle, hogs, & sheep kild & the house plundered. Indian Massacre and destruction of property

September 22d, 1789—Mr. Mauck's wife & two children kill'd, Cattle, &c., and house Burnt.

September 22d, 1789—Mr. Statzer's house Burnt, Including his household stuff; the family hardly Escaped.

September 23d, 1789—Jethra Thopson's house Burnt.

September 26th, 1789—John Summs' house Burnt and horses Taken away.

The above Mischief done from the middle of County & upwards. This Evening I Rec'd an Express that two Indians was seen near the Lower End of the County.

The Bearer can Give you fuller information, he was present and saw some of those that were killed. He may be Depended upon as he is a Gentleman of veracity.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 28th

Recommending the following persons to be Commissioned for Rockingham County, viz: Jacob Hyson for Captain, James Blair, for Capt., Acariah Berry, for Lieutenant, Martin Kite, for Ensign, Jacob Argabright, for Lieut., George Gilmore, for Ensign, John Bright, for Lieutenant, and Samuel Harned, for Ensign. Rockingham County Militia officers

1789.

Sept. 28th

TSCHNR. WOODSON, DEPUTY CLK. OF THE COUNTY COURT.

Cumberland  
County

Certifying that Martin Pearce had been fined and treble taxed for not rendering an account of his riding chair with his list of other taxable property to the Commissioner.

Fined for  
not listing  
his riding  
chair

The fine ordered is Five Pounds. Sheriff to have £1, 6s, for his services; the clerk 12s, 6d, and the Commissioner 10s; the balance £3, 16s, to be applied towards lessening the County Levy. With this paper are sent affidavits from a number of Mr. Pearce's neighbors, testifying that at the time of listing the property, Mr. Pearce had no riding carriage, as his old one had been taken to pieces to secure the irons from which to make a new one; and that at that very time, the old irons were laying around the Smith's shop waiting to be attached to the new wood work, when it was ready for them.

Sept. 28th

COL. BENJ'N WILSON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Harrison  
County

Sir,

Gov. St.  
ClairIndians  
troublesome

I understand the protection of the frontiers of this state is now put into the hand of Governor St. Clair, who I believe, is Now Absent from the station at the Mouth of the Muskingum. The Indians are very Troublesome in this County, as will appear by this inclosed list of Depredations.

People  
dispirited

Our people is dispirited, as the have soon felt the Direfull Effects of an Efficient Treaty with the Indians, in which they had put some Confidence.

Requests  
that Maj.  
Wm. Low-  
ther be  
examined in  
regard to  
Indian  
incursions  
and testi-  
mony sent  
to Congress

The persume if Congress knew their situation, it would soon be otherwise, for which purpose I Earnestly request that the Bearer Major William Lowther May be Call'd before your Board and Examined on Oath, as Touching the late Incursions in this County & a Copy of his Testimony sent to Congress, that they may be acquainted with the Sufferings of their people, and the Ill Effects of Partial Treatys.

Sir, am your very Humble Servt.

The above paper to be inclosed to the President of the United States, the assembly having taken up the subject, nothing to be done by the Executive.

Sept. 29th

C. RUSSELL TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Prince  
George  
Compensa-  
tion for  
self and  
assistant

Enclosing certain accounts taken from his books and leaving the compensation of himself and assistant, contracted with on the faith of the Governor's letter, for their trouble, to the Governor, asking him to enclose the warrant for his services by the bearer, Mr. John J. Thweatt.

JNO. MCCALLY TO GOV'R BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

1789.

Requesting to be removed from the Commission of Justice of the peace of Harrison Co., giving his reasons therefor, that there are already Twenty-two justices, and the Court has lately thought meet to recommend Seven more, making Twenty-nine. As there are only four Hundred and Seventy odd tithables in the County, he thinks 28 Justices will be sufficient for the business of so small a number of people.

Sept. 30th  
Harrison  
County

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO WILLIAM DAVIES, DR.

Sept. 30th

1789, Aug. 26—To my Salary from the 1st June to this day,  
when the office closed at Richmond, - - - - - £46, 17s  
Sept. 30—To my Salary at 6 dollars a day from the 27th Augt.  
when the papers set out for New York, is 35 days, 210 Dol-  
lars, - - - - - 63, 0  
£109, 17s

No place  
given  
Wm. Davies'  
Salary Acct.

Cr.

1789, Aug. 20—By Cash advanced in part, - - - - - £75, 0s  
Balance due W. D., - - - - - £34, 17s

E. LANGHAM, SUPT. OF STATE POST AT POINT OF FORK, FOR QUARTER  
ENDING SEPT. 30, 1789.

Sept. 30th

Quarterly returns from the Point of Folk, enclosing Account of Cash Expended for sundries with accompanying vouchers amounting to £109, 17s, 12d. Account of Clothing issued and on hand. Quarter Master's stores issued and on hand; Also the Pay Roll of the State Guard, composed of 26 men, viz: John Maddox, Jno. Dillard, Jno. Lane, Jno. Finch, Jno. West, M. Jorden, H. Perry, R'd Cawthorn, Wm. Cooper, J. Wood, D. Akers, Jno. Seay, Wm. Hopkins, Ro. Cawthorn, S. Bridgewater, Jos. Griffin, Ro. Harslep, Wm. Harslep, Jas. Harriass, Wm. Bashaw, L. Cawthorn, G. Comer, C. Williams, Jas. Hawkins, R. Wood, B. Simmons; enclosing also an Estimate for forage for the year 1789-90, commencing Oct. 1, 1789, viz: 80 Barrels of Corn @ 10s, making £40, & 20,000lb fodder or hay at 3s per Cwt., making £30.

Point of  
Fork  
Cash  
Clothing  
Pay Roll  
Men  
Estimate for  
forage



1789.

Sept.

JOS. AKIN, D. C., PITTSYLVANIA CO. COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Pittsylvania  
County  
Militia  
officers

Recommending Joseph T. Williams for Lieut., and Thomas Tanner for Ensign of the Militia.

October 1st

MEMORIAL FROM JOHN LINTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dumfries  
Removal  
from Tobac-  
co Inspec-  
tor's office  
Not notified  
or heard

Request  
charges to be  
brought be-  
fore the Gov.  
and Council

Setting forth that he had been removed from his office of Inspector of Tobacco by the County Court of Prince William Co. in September last, without being heard or notified of any charge. He claims that he has discharged his duties faithfully and to the Satisfaction of the Merchants. That presuming he would retain his position during good behaviour, he had bought a lot and built a residence for his family in Dumfries, which he under other circumstances would not have done. His interest thereby destroyed, besides his good name affected in his declining years. Considers this action without precedent or authority. Requests that the Governor & Council order the charges, if any, to be brought before them, and unless good cause be shewn to the contrary, he be reinstated in his office. This memorial is also accompanied by the signatures of Fifteen merchants, certifying to the facts contained in the memorial, Except respecting the notice not being given Mr. Linton, of which they cannot have knowledge.

Bedford Co.

W. LEFTWICH COL. OF MILITIA.

October 5th  
On their way  
to Congress

Recom-  
mends them  
to the people

The Checkesaw Chief & his companions on their way to Congress, having good vouchers for their conduct, and on publick business, they are recommended to the people in this County for assistance in provisions for themselves, & Horses, taking a receipte from the Interpreter Mr. Fry, for the same.

Given under my hand.

Major Robert King will also pass his receipte for the provisions.

October 6th

CLERK OF COUNTY COURT OF ROCKBRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Rockbridge  
county  
Militia  
officers

Certifying that the Court recommends James Tedford for Lieutenant, and Robert Anderson for Ensign.

WM. ESKRIDGE TO GENERAL WOOD.

1789.

Dr. Sir,

You directed me to give the Executive an account of those persons who had acted as Heads of Departments, & had moved to the district of Kentucky. I find that Colo. Abm. Hite, Stephen Ashby, & Richard Easton, the two former of Hampshire, and the latter of this County, have moved to that Country. Ashby & Easton acted as Commiss'rs Provision Law, & Colo. Hite was County Lieut. of Hampshire; Him, or his son Abraham Hite, acted as Paymaster & Commissary in the Northern Department in an Expedition against the Indians in 1776. The son, as well as father, is in Kentucky. These are all that I know of who have moved to that Country. You will please to communicate the above information to the Executive. I am now on my way to Hampshire & Hardy, & shall proceed over the mountains & finish all the business in that Country before I return. Have done some business in this County, & shall use every exertion to get it completed as soon as possible.

October 8th  
Winchester  
Persons acting as Heads of Departments and moved to Kentucky  
Hite, Ashby, and Easton

Hampshire and Hardy counties

I am Dr. Gen'l,

Your Obedt. &amp; Humble Servt.

ORIGINAL LETTER FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

United States, October 8th, 1789.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency the duplicates of the following Acts, viz: An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States.

An Act to regulate the process in the Courts of the United States.

An Act to explain and amend an Act entitled an Act for registering and clearing Vessels, regulating the Coasting trade, and for other purposes.

An Act to recognize and adapt to the Constitution of the United States the establishment of Troops raised under the Resolve of the United States in Congress Assembled, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act providing for the payment of the Invalid Pensioners of the United States.

An Act making appropriations for the present year.

An Act to Allow the Baron de Glanbeck the pay of a Captain in the Army of the United States.

An Act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress; and a

October 8th  
No place given  
From G. Washington  
President U. States  
Duplicates of Acts of Congress  
Judicial courts  
Process in courts  
Registering and clearing vessels, &c.  
Troops, &c.  
Invalid Pensioners, &c.  
Allows Baron de Glanbeck pay of Capt. in the army  
Meeting of next Congress

1789. Resolution for continuing John White, John Wright, & Joshua Dawson  
 October 8th Continuing Jno. Wright, Jno. White, and Joshua Dawson in office until the 4th of February, 1789.

I have the honor to be with due consideration,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient Servt.

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October 9th L. WOOD, PUB. SOLICITOR, TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond Sir,  
 Delinquent Sheriffs, &c. I am to request the favor of your Excellency's order to the Auditor for fifty pounds upon acct., to defray Expences of sending out Notices to delinquent Sheriffs & Debtors, & for Duties.

I am Sir,  
 Your Excellency's most obt. Serv't,

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October 12th THOS. POLLARD, D. C., OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Northum- Certifies that the court recommends George Ball, (Doctor,) for Cap-  
 berland tain, John Hughlett for Lieut., William Nelms, for Captain, Cuthbert  
 county Harcum, for Lieut., Thomas Keene, for Capt., Robert Crowther for  
 Militia Lieut., & Joshua Cockarill, for Ensign in the Militia of Northumberland  
 officers County.

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October 12th DAVID ROSS AND OTHERS.

Columbia Recommending Peomingo or Mountain Leader, a principal chief of the Chickasaws, & other chiefs of that Tribe to the hospitality of the people, through whose country they may pass, on their way to New York on business with the Government, respecting their Nation.

#### LETTER OF DAVID ROSS.

Peomingo or The Bearer, Peomingo or Mountain Leader, I know to be a Chief & Warrior of the Chickesaw Nation.

His Nation have ever been singular in their attachment to the whole people, and have uniformly held it in abhorrence to shed their blood.

Kind and hospitable They are remarkable for their kindness & hospitality to people passing through their Country, and their friendship is in a particular manner servicable to our Western people, who adventure to New Orleans with their produce, as they generally return home by Land through the Chickesaw Towns.

From this character of those people, which I am sure is the truth, I take the liberty of Recommending them to friendly & kind treatment on their journey to New York. 1789. October 12th

This letter is accompanied by papers of the same tenor from Isaac Shelby, giving the party permission to pass unmolested; also one from Dan'l Smith Command'g the Miro District; and a certificate of the same import as to their friendly actions, signed by Wm. McDowell, Thos. Barber, Wm. Kennedy, Ro. Lawson, George Muter, Saml. McDowell, Caleb Wallace, Harry Innes, George Nicholas, Christo Greenup, Ben. Sebastian, & James Brown. Recommends them to kind treatment

WM. McCRAW, JR., TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

October 12th

Sir,

Your favor of the 30th July last, was handed to me yesterday. I observ'd the contents, & you may rest assured that I will as early as possible, furnish you or y'r Successor with the acct. required. I intend engaging the business this afternoon. I expect to be in Richmond between this & Xmas, with all my public Books &c., and will do my Country that Justice as give you any information that will tend to the Establishing of the acct. of this State with the United States. Halifax Established account of this State with the U. States

I am sir,

Your Excell'y obt. Servt.

JOHN BECKLEY, CLK. OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO THE GOVERNOR. October 13th

Enclosing three sets of the Journal of the House of Representatives for the late Session; one for the supreme Executive, and one for each branch of the Legislature of the State. New York House Journals

SAML. A. OTIS, SEC'y OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE GOVERNOR. Senate Journal

Enclosing a Copy of the Journals of the Senate at their first Session.

HAYNES MORGAN TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

October 14th

Stating that he had written him some months past, respecting some vacancies that happened in the Militia of Pittsylvania, occasioned by Pittsylvania

1789. the death of Col. Shelton of the 1st Regt. He claims the appointment  
 October 13th being Col. of the 2nd regiment. Says that the Court of the County,  
 consisting of few members, & in his absence had recommended Stephen  
 Coleman Lt. Col. of the 1st, to be Col. thereof, & he had been commis-  
 sioned. This he conceives to be his right, and requests the Governor as  
 Commander-in-chief, to see him righted.

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October 14th

## COPY OF A CERTIFICATE FROM DANIEL CLARK.

New Orleans "To whom it may concern." I, Daniel Clark do declare that when I  
 acted as Attorney for Mr. Oliver Pollock at New Orleans, I did for  
 account of said Pollock, pay to the Honorable Tontant Beauregard  
 Province of one of His Majesty's Council for the Province of Louisiana, and to Mr.  
 Louisiana Bourgeois, who is married to the widow of the late Cadet Sardet,  
 Sardet certain sums of money, which the said Pollock owed to them on ac-  
 Bills of count of Bills of Exchange he had drawn on the House of Penet,  
 Exchange Penet, Dacosta, Freres & Co., of Nantz, which were protested for non-payment,  
 Penet, and then held by them; and I also declare that the said payment to  
 Dacosta, them, and each of them; was in Paper Dollars of this Country, at a  
 Freres & period when they were from 60 to 62½ p. Cent. of less value than Silver  
 Co. protested Dollars of Mexico; and that they received but 12½ p. Cent. Damages, &  
 5 p. Cent. Interest.

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October 15th

## J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Money in The sum of Eight thousand five hundred pounds in the Treasury,  
 treasury Exclusive of what has already been directed to be set apart for the  
 Scouts, &c.

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October 15th

## WM. HENDERSON TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Sir,  
 Campbell Co. Upon reflection since I saw you, of what was represented to the  
 Executive by James Adams, &c., in order to justify Mr. Richard Stith's  
 claim to the Sheriffalty of this County, contrary to the Recommenda-  
 In regard to tions of the Court of Campbell, I think it reflects upon my Character,  
 Richard Stith's claim and in order to justify myself I shall take it as a singular instance of  
 to the your kindness, if you will furnish Col. John Trigg, who will deliver  
 Sheriffalty this to you, a copy of Charles Lynch & John Ward's Letter, also any  
 other papers or proof made use of by the said Adams, as Maj. Ward  
 informs me he never signed any such Letter.

I am sir, Respectfully,

Your Mo. Ob't.

H. KNOX TO THE GOVERNOR.

1789.

Extract of an Act to recognize and adapt to The Constitution of the United States, the Establishment of the troops raised under the resolves of the United States in Congress assembled, and for other purposes therein mentioned—Passed 29th September, 1789:

"Section 5th. And be it further Enacted, That for the purpose of protecting the inhabitants of the frontiers of the United States from the hostile incursions of the Indians, the President is hereby authorised to call into service from time to time, such part of the Militia of the States respectively as he may judge necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and that their pay and subsistence while in service, be the same as the pay and subsistence of the troops above mentioned."

"Section 6th. And be it further Enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the End of the next session of Congress, and no longer."

No date and no place given

Protecting the Inhabitants of the frontiers from Indians President is authorized to call the militia into service Their pay and subsistence

WM. DAVIES TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

October 16th

Sir,

The Commissioners of the board of three are still absent, and the Comptroller & Auditor of the Treasury have not yet arrived; there is therefore no business going forward in the settlement of accounts with individual States, but in the office of the Commissioner of army accounts whose cognizance is confined to advances for pay & depreciation to the army and pay of the Militia. He takes them in order as bro't in, and he has not yet come to Virginia. I find almost universally to the Eastward the militia have charged mileage to & from camp, in addition to their pay. This seems to have been unattended to in Virginia, and as the period when Congress allowed this compensation was prior to Arnold's visit, the Evidences of the members of our militia who were in service, and consequently of the amount of the mileage to which they were entitled, were burnt with the other public papers.

The Collectors of vouchers therefore should be as expeditious in procuring & forwarding the proofs on this, as well as other heads, as the nature of the business will permit. I confess it escaped me at the time of preparing instructions for the Collectors, to give them any special directions on this subject; how far your Excellency may have it in your power to direct their attention to this object, I cannot say. The gentleman appointed near Winchester to collect vouchers, &c., I fear is either not qualified, or not disposed to act in the business. General Wood promised to take some agency respecting the appointment. I have heard nothing from Mr. Langhorne, and I am apprehensive that Mr. Yarbrou' is inattentive to the duties of his appointment, tho' very capable of executing it advantageously. I conversed with him very particu-

New York No settlement of accounts with individual States going on

Mileage of Militia

Arnold's visit

Collectors of vouchers should be expeditious as possible in forwarding proofs, &c.

Collector of vouchers at Winchester

1789. larly on the business, and received assurances of his undertaking it.  
 October 16th My last from Petersburg announced to your Excellency my apprehensions that he meant to deceive. I would be much obliged, should your  
 Collector at Petersburg; Excellency think proper to write him on the subject to know his  
 apprehensions of him intentions explicitly. Should he decline & would deliver to Major Peter  
 Suggests Williams all the papers & instructions he has had from me, the public  
 Major would not be injured by the Change, if the Major will undertake to act.  
 Williams in His lives in Prince George, and some time ago would have been willing  
 his place to have been employed in this way, and perhaps may be still.

I have the honor to be with great respect,  
 Your Excellency's very obed. Servt.

October 17th PETITION FROM CAPT. THOMAS WHITE'S COMPANY OF MILITIA OF  
 HANOVER COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF STATE.

Hanover County Shewing that every one of them had been fined 10s Each by a Court  
 Martial for non-attendance at a General Muster, & praying to be  
 Fines for acquitted for the following reasons: That they had not been warned so  
 non-attend- to do; that the sheriff gave them the first notice by demanding the  
 ance at fines; that they conceive that they have the Constitutional right to be  
 General heard before being condemned; are convinced that upon principals of  
 Muster common justice, they could have cleared themselves, had they been  
 Not warned allowed the liberty of defending themselves; and appeal to the dispens-  
 Right to be ing power of the Executive for relief from the fine.  
 heard before This petition is accompanied by a sworn statement from John  
 being con- Chappel, Nathan Barker, & Jeremiah Lindsey, Sergeants in Capt.  
 demned Thomas White's Company, setting forth that they did not receive orders  
 Appeal to to warn the said Company to appear at the General Muster, & did not  
 the Execu- warn them that they heard no such orders given; Lindsey however recol-  
 tive lected hearing the Lieutenant of said company, after the company was  
 Statement disbanded, and a great part gone, give notice of the General Muster.  
 from County The names of the Company are Wm. Spur, David Martin, John Bailey,  
 Sergeants Nathaniel Talley, David Gooch, Edmund Hooper, James Bingham,  
 Names of John Wood, John Boatright, Obediah Tucker, George Slaughter,  
 Petitioners Anthony Ingram, Joseph Gathright, Thomas Slaughter, Elias White,  
 David Acre, Heartwell Boatright, John Perry, James Hooper, John  
 Acre, Aaron Marsh, Richard Meux, & Joshua Acre.

October 17th WM. HELM TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Sir,  
 Green Level Inclos'd you will find my Commission with thanks for your Compli-  
 ment, thoug beg the favour that you will not appoint me to any publick

post at all, for it is my wish until I can reconcile myself to be a partizan 1789.  
to keep as clear of Publick posts as possible; it is true I have made a October 17th  
small stroke at one of our grand party, but I will promis him if he will Green Level  
excuse me for it I will do so no more. I have heard an old proverb that Resigning  
honesty is the best policy, but I can venture to say an honest man can his commis-  
not always come at justice. sion as Capt.  
of militia

From your obe'd svt.

The above commission was issued at Richmond to Wm. Helm, of  
Prince William, appointing him Captain in the militia of said County,  
dated June 5th, 1787, and signed by Beverly Randolph, Lient.-Gov'r.

H. KNOX, SECRETARY AT WAR TO THE GOVERNOR.

No place  
given

War Office of the United States,

October 19, 1789.

Sir,

I am directed by the President of the United States to request that October 19th  
your Excellency would be pleased to order an exact list to be made out  
agreably to the form herein enclosed and transmitted immediately to  
this office, of all the military Invalids to whom pensions have been  
granted and paid by the State of Virginia in pursuance of the resolves  
of the late Congress of the United States. List of Pen-  
sions to be  
made

It is to be observed that no lists have been received at this office of  
the invalids residing in the State of Virginia since the one for the year  
1787. The list now requested is indispensibly necessary in order to  
make an arrangement for the payment of the Invalids in March next,  
agreably to the information published in the newspapers. Invalids in  
Virginia  
Payment

I have also to request that your Excellency would be pleased to direct  
a return to be made out of the officers' widows or orphans, if any, who  
have received from the State of Virginia the seven years half Pay  
stipulated by the resolve of Congress of the 24th of August, 1780.  
This return to State the rank, and time of the officer's death, the amount  
of the annual pension paid to the widows or orphans, and the years  
for which it has been paid. Officers'  
widows or  
orphans

I have the honor to be

Your Excellencys most obedient Humble Servant.

James McGazock's receipt book containing sundry receipts to him October 19th  
from the officers of various counties for public lead. These receipts date Public Lead  
from July 21, 1786, to Oct. 19, 1789.



1789.

October 20th JOHN CALDWELL, LT. COL., 2D REGT., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Nelson Co. Returning the number of Militia of Nelson County, viz: 1st Regt.  
Returns of 600 rank & file, 2d Regt. 650 rank & file, does not recollect the exact  
Militia number of officers, but they are not proportionable on account of resignations.

October 20th WALTER CROCKETT, COUNTY LIEUT. OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond Sir,  
Two spies ordered on the frontiers Agreeable to your Excellencie instructions to me sometime last spring, I Ordered Out two spies on the frontiers of Montgomery County which Continues on duty at this time, but the frontiers of that County is Seventy or Eighty miles in length, it was empossible for two men to make the nessery discoverys and to watch all the inroads that led to the frontiers of the County. On the first of this instant A party of Indians took one Willey's family, killed and scalped foure of his Children and took his wife and her youngest Child prisoners. About the same time they killed one Whitley, and masscreed him in Abrrbares manner. There went Twelve men in persute of them Emeadiately, and was gon Twelve days when I left home and was not returned, therefore I can Give Know account what success they had. I emeadiately Ordered a Capt. and Fifty men with proper officers to Rainge on the frontiers for one month from the time of thire Rendezvousing at the place appinted for them to meet. This is a true account of what happened in the County of Montgomery by the incursings of the Indians last Summer.

Sir, I am with Regards,

Your Excellency most Obe't Humble servt.

October 21st

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Auditor's office Stating that he never considered the reference of an account from  
In regard to the Executive to him for settlement, as precluding an examination of  
examination of accounts referred to the charges contained therein, but when so referred, he conceived that  
Auditor from the members of the Council are now of opinion, there was no necessity for  
Executive their instruction on this subject, it may be rescinded or expunged.

Thomas Parker's account against the Commonwealth of Virginia, 1789.  
for his expenses from 20th April last, to this date, in obtaining vouchers October 23rd  
for this State against the Continent, amount'g to £15, 12s, 4d, actually Account of  
paid, exclusive of horse. expenses

JOHN LOGAN TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

October 23d

Stating the strength of the Militia of Lincoln County, at as follows: Lincoln Co.  
14 Field officers, 13 Captains, 13 Lientenants, 13 Ensigns, 26 Sergeants, strength of  
and about 800 privates. the Militia

Resolution of the House of Delegates for the relief of the Chickasaw October 23rd  
Indians, and is as follows:

In the House of Delegates,

Friday, the 23d of October, 1789.

Whereas some of the Chiefs of the Chickasaw Indians have represented that the Creek Indians have committed many insults and depredations on their Nation and have attacked them in a hostile manner, and unprovoked; that they intended to make application to the President of the United States for assistance to repel those violences but are prevented from executing that intention by the great distance to New York, the advanced season of the year, and the pressing exigence of their affairs. And the General Assembly calling to remembrance the long and uninterrupted friendship which hath existed between the said Indians and the people of this State, who have received constant proofs of their affectionate regards, and at the same time pitying the defenceless condition of the said Chickasaws, who are exposed to the fury of their enemies from the want of ammunition.

Long and  
uninterrupted  
friendship

Defenceless  
condition

It is therefore resolved that the Executive be desired to furnish to the said Chickasaw Nation, such quantity of Gun powder, not exceeding two thousand weight, and lead proportioned thereto, as their necessities may require and the public can conveniently spare; and furnish such of the said Indians as are in this City, with such articles as may be proper for them, and also make a suitable compensation to the two white men who accompany the said Indians.

Resolution  
to furnish  
them Gun-  
powder and  
Lead

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the President of the United States, on the subject of Indian affairs, to represent to him that the General Assembly have been induced to interpose in the manner expressed in the foregoing resolution from an expectation that the peculiar circumstances of the

Resolution  
to prepare an  
address to  
the Presi-  
dent United  
States on In-  
dian affairs

1789. Chickasaws, who are now applying to the Government of Virginia, would render such interposition acceptable, and that the federal Government will not be averse to make retribution for the advances on this occasion.

Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

1789, Oct. 26th, Agreed to by the Senate.

H. BROOKE, C. S.

A Copy Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

October 24th and 26th King William County Persons appointed to receive damages by British Returns made

King William Court appoints Christopher Tompkins & John Catlett in February, 1783, to receive the value of the damages done by the British in Saint Davids Parish in this county in May, 1781, agreeably to an Act of Assembly in that case provided; and in October, 1789, James Hill and Isaac Quarles are added to the former order of Court, any two of the whole to perform the same.

Slaves, &c. This return was made & signed by Christopher Tompkins, John Catlett, & Isaac Quarles, which was ordered to be certified by the Court. The losses comprise slaves, cattle, Tobacco, silver spoons, &c., furniture, wearing apparel of every description with various other property, fully described in the respective sworn statements of the losers which accompany this report. The persons claiming damages are as follows, together with amounts, viz: Reuben Sizer, £75, Samuel Bennett, £100, Walter Dugless, £45, Wm. Toler, £146, John Hill, £11, 2s, Christopher Tompkins, £380, 16s, 3d, Thomas Nelson, £629, Gerond & Vial, £6,241, Alice Taylor, £75, 2s, Thomas Nelson, £4,546, 16s, 8d, Wm. Nelson, £761, 13s, Richard Sqr. Taylor, £74, 8s, John Nelson, £59, John Anderson, £30, 8s, Christo. Taliafaro, £5, Yancey Lipscomb, £100.

Names of losers and amounts claimed

October 24th

WILLIAM MORRIS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VA.

Appointed superintendent of ship-yard at Cumberland Yard discontinued

A petition shewing that he was appointed by the Board of Trade in March, 1779, to superintend a ship yard established at Cumberland, on York River, for the purposes of Commercial Department, that he continued to act as such till March, 1780, when said ship yard was discontinued; that he kept on his books a fair & just account of all his transactions during his service, of which he sends a true copy, showing a balance in his favor of £207, 9s, 8½d, which he, nor any person for him, has received any compensation, though he had frequently applied to the Board of Trade. The State's Agent & the Commissary of Stores for that purpose. The account could not be settled for want of

Balance in his favor No compensation

vouchers, which vouchers were destroyed by the Enemy as will appear from Certificates of J. Ambler, one of the Board of Trade, Benj'n Day, the State's agent, & others hereto annexed. He prays that the Assembly will enact that this account be liquidated, and he receive such compensation as the case may require, and they in their great wisdom shall think just. Accompanying this petition are the certificates of J. Ambler, Benj'n Day, Robert Witchell, Boatswain of the ship yard, & Wm. Lucas, clerk of Ship yard.

1789.  
October 24th  
Account  
could not be  
settled  
Certificates  
of J. Ambler  
and others  
Asks compensation

HENRY LEE TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 25th

Sir,

I have the honor of your Excellency's let'r of the 2nd Sept. covering commissions for the officers of militia in the County of Westmoreland, excepting in the case of Colo. Washington. By consent of Mr. Nelson did the Court recommend Col. Washington, in consideration of its being highly agreeable to the militia, & because Col. Washington had lost his rank in the militia when he entered into the minute service. It is not necessary to enter into a minute explanation of Col. Washington's pretensions, as the recommendation of the Court was done by the express consent of Mr. Nelson.

Richmond  
Militia of  
Westmore-  
land County  
Col. Wash-  
ington's case

I have the honor to be sir, with real regard & respect,  
Your Exc'y's hum. Ser.

Nathaniel Wilkerson, Justice of the peace for Henrico, certifies that Walter Crocket, Lieut. of Montgomery County, made affidavit before him that no monies arising from militia fines had ever come into his hands.

October 26th  
Henrico Co.  
Lieut. of  
Montgomery  
County in  
regard to  
money  
arising from  
Militia fines  
October 26th

DAVID PATTESON TO ROBERT GOODE.

Stating that Sam'l Weisiger was appointed Flour Inspector on the recommendation of the Court, and acted as such last season, to the satisfaction of all concerned, as far as can be known. Mr. Weisiger failed to apply to the Court at the September Court just passed, for reappointment. He requests that Mr. Goode will make the necessary application now to the Executive as he is certain that Mr. Weisiger would have been continued had he made the proper application to the Court. This letter is accompanied by a certificate from David Patteson & James Harding, stating that Mr. Weisiger had discharged the duties of Flour Inspector last season for Manchester and its neighborhood & to the satisfaction of all concerned as far as they know.

Manchester  
Flour in-  
spector for  
Manchester  
and its  
neighbor-  
hood

1789.

P. HENRY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dear Sir,

October 27th  
Richmond  
Indians  
here; their  
expenses

The white men who came with the Indians entreat you to reconsider the sum they have been out in bearing their own & the Indian Expenses on their Journey. Perhaps an account stated might give some necessary Information. The safety of these poor people depends on the conduct of those who will go with them, & I really fear if their conductors are not very attentive even the White people may do them an Injury. They complain of the necessity of getting fresh horses & that the Sum allowed will not replace what they have expended. I would wait on you this morning but am unwell. Pray be pleased to pardon the liberty I take, and believe me,

Dear Sir,

Your aff<sup>te</sup> Servant.

Want rifles

The Indians will be much disappointed if they can't get Rifles. They are in the power of the white men who will give such impressions to their minds as their own Rewards may induce.

October 28th

WM. McCLEERY TO THE GOVERNOR OF VA.

Richmond  
Rangers in  
Monongalia  
County  
Scouts

States that the number of rangers ordered for the County of Monongalia by direction of Council in May last, had been considerably reduced in order to keep out more scouts than were ordered by the Council—the safety of the frontiers requiring it. He gives this information lest the Council should have difficulties in passing the accounts as they now stand, there being more scouts than were ordered, & requests the Governor to lay it before the Council for their approbation.

October 29th  
Henrico Co.

Turner Southall a justice of the peace for Henrico County certifies that he had administered to Cyrus Griffin the Oath prescribed by law to be taken by a Privy Counsellor.

October 29th

ALEX<sup>r</sup> HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO GOVERNOR  
BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

New York

Your letter by the last Post, without date, I have had the honor of receiving. I perceive that you had concluded to defer directing the

amount of the State Debt to be furnished till a provision is made by the Legislature respecting funds for discharging it. Allow me to remark, Sir, that I am persuaded, for a variety of reasons, that the amount of the debt is the most material part of the information desired by the House of Representatives, and that in regard to Funds, it will be a complete answer to their enquiry to state those which do exist, if there are any, and if there are none, to state that there are none.

1789.

October 29th

Am't of State debt to be furnished the Treasury Dept.

Under this conviction, I beg leave to urge that your Excellency will have the goodness to direct that the amount of the Debt be immediately transmitted to this office, accompanied with such remarks respecting the other objects of the Resolution as the actual state of things shall suggest.

I have the honor to be with perfect consideration,

Your Excellency's Most Obedient and Humble Servant.

Copy of the proceedings of Brunswick Co. Court against Robin a negro man slave, charged with feloniously Robbing Bottom Stegall of a Gun, & wounding him with a knife.

October 31st  
Brunswick  
County

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held for the County of Brunswick on Saturday, the 31st day of October, 1789, for the trial of Robin a Negro man Slave, the property of Humphrey Traylor of Dinwiddie County, charged with Feloniously Robbing Bottom Stegall of a Gun, & wounding him with a knife.

Present; William Thornton, Benjamin Blick, James Harrison, John Stith, & Edward Birchell, Gentl.

Justices who  
tried the  
case

The prisoner was led to the bar, & being arraigned, &c., &c., Plead Guilty, and for trial put himself upon God and Court. And on examining the witnesses and considering the circumstance of the case, the Court are of opinion that the said Negro Man Slave, Robin, is guilty of the said offence, and do accordingly pronounce Judgment that he be hanged by the Neck till he be Dead, Dead, Dead. And ordered that the Sheriff of this County cause Execution of this Sentence to be done on the Fifth day of December next, between the Hours of 12 and 2 of the Clock, of the same day; and thereupon the Court having taken into consideration the Value of the said Negro Man, Slave, Robin, do accordingly value him to Sixty Pounds Current Money.

Prisoner  
arraigned  
Guilty  
Judgment  
pronounced  
To be  
hanged

His value

The minutes of these proceedings were signed,

WILLIAM THORNTON.

Copy—Teste:

CHAS. B. JONES, D. C. B. C.

On the trial of Robin, a Negro Man Slave, the property of Humphrey Traylor, at a court held for that purpose on the 31st day of October,

1789. 1789, Bottom Steagall of Lawful age, being sworn, Deposed & said that  
 October 31st on the 4th day of August last, as he was Walking round and off Corn  
 Testimony field of his, he discovered the said Robin in his field gathering & eating  
 of Bottom peaches, and on going up to him & questioning him, he said that he  
 Steagall belonged to Col. Allen, but not being able to tell his overseer's name  
 gave him reason to suspect he was a runaway, & ordered him to go  
 before him to his house; the said Robin had a knife in his hand peeling  
 & eating of the Peaches, and after going about One hundred & fifty  
 yards, they came near to a thicket of Bushes, when all of a sudden the  
 said Robin turned about upon this Deponent and seized the gun which  
 he had in his hand, and fell to cutting him with the knife till he had  
 stabbed and cut him in about 12 places, and dispossessed him of his Gun,  
 and this Deponent further said that finding his gun was gone, he  
 retreated back some distance, and that the said Robin pursued him and  
 continued to stab him untill he had cut him in several other places,  
 which last cuts occasioned the blood that had settled from the first  
 wounds in the Lower part of his bosom to gush out in a large stream,  
 when the said Robin dissisted and walked off with this deponent's gun;  
 and this deponent further said that he supposed that the said Robin  
 expected he had killed him or he would not have left him.

Gun pro-  
 duced in  
 Court

Whereupon the said gun being produced in Court, this Deponent  
 further said that it was the Gun which the said Robin took from him  
 and that it was his property, and that it had been Robed of many of  
 the Ornaments and very much disfigured since it was taken from him  
 by the said Robin.

And further this deponent said not.

Certificate of I do hereby certify that the above appears to be a true state of the  
 Clk. of Court Evidence and facts which were produced on the triall of Robin a Negro,  
 Man Slave, the property of Humphrey Traylor, when he was condemned  
 by the Court of Brunswick, Bottom Steagall being the only witness.

Teste:

CHAS. B. JONES, D. C. B. C.

Brunswick County, October 31st, 1789.

Certificate of I do hereby certify that at a called Court held for this county the  
 Clk. of Court above date, that William Thornton, Benjamin Blick, James Harrison,  
 John Stith, & Edward Buehett, Jr., were the Justices that sot and con-  
 demned Robin, a Negro Man Slave, the property of Humphrey Traylor,  
 for Feloniously Robbing Bottom Steagall of a Gun, & stabbing him.

Given under my hand, the day & Date above.

CHAS. B. JONES, D. C. B. C.

Brunswick County, October 31st, 1789. 1789.

We, whose Names are hereunto annexed, sat on the thial of Robin, a October 31st Negro Man Slave, the property of Humphrey Traylor, when he was condemned for Feloniously Robbing and Stabing Bottom Steagall of the county of Brunswick of, and carrying away his Gun, and from principles of Humanity, do recommend him to his Excellency Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor of this State, as an object of Mercy.

Recomm-  
mended to  
mercy

WILLIAM THORNTON.  
BENJ'N BLICK.

Endorsement on back of the last written paper signed by Thornton & Blick: "Negro reprieved Nov. 12, '89. Reprieved

In connection with this case is a letter from Wm. Barksdale to Col. Wm. Fountain, dated at Petersburg, December 1st, 1789, and is as follows:

Dear Sir,

I have your favor 29th ulto., accompanying a letter to my Care, sent by Mr. E. Harrison, directed to the Sherriff Brunswick, for Robin's reprieve; I accordingly hired an express & sent up for fear of the letters miscarrying; the man has return'd, & brought the Sherrif's ret'n. & reports that its impossible the fellow can survive untill the time in which he is suspended for, say 1st Friday in next month. I did not suspect it was a Partial reprieve at the time I hired a man to carry it out; he says the fellow is Iron'd up against a wall, standing, bear of clothes, exposed to the cold, without fire, in a mancholy situation, as well as in very greate pain. There are holds boore threw the Loggs, & Iron bolts threw fastining the out side with a key. From this information you may judge the situation he must be in. He is almost reduced to a skelleton from the cruel treatment he gets from the gard. Humanity has taken its flite from the people of that county that are privy to the circumstances. Mr. Traylor is now here present, & says unless a reprieve can be Immediately got, the fellow had better be hanged at once, as it will be easing him of a very tedious & lingering pain, which is more terrible than death. He says the fellow has perfully made his peace, as he was constantly praying while he was present, & desires to be hanged sooner than undergo the Torture of his present fate. Should the fellow be kept untill the time of his suspension, & should not dy within the time, Mr. Traylor says he cannot be worth within Twenty pounds of the prise he was to give. The fellow must be inevitably frost bitt, should nothing else befall him. These things considered, there had better be something done decisive. Traylor has agreed either to pay the money which he was to give, or



1789. take the certificate if the fate of the fellow can be determined in the  
 October 31st course of a few days, before he receives further injury. Steagall, the  
 man that took the boy up, swears he will put him to death on his being  
 relieved, being determined he shall lose his life.

I am Yr. Mt. Hl. Sr.

No date or  
 place; sup-  
 posed to be  
 in October

MEMORIAL FROM JOHN B. SMITH & RO. LAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR,  
 AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, IN BEHALF OF HAMPDEN SYDNEY  
 COLLEGE.

Gentlemen,

Supported  
 by donations  
 from indi-  
 viduals

Building a  
 common hall  
 No funds  
 Solicit aid

As you are not less distinguished for your abilities & taste  
 in polite learning than for your high rank in the state, we are en-  
 couraged to address you in behalf of the College of Hampden Sydney.  
 It has been instituted and carried on to a considerable degree of useful-  
 ness by the generous donations of individuals, neither connected by  
 particular favour nor interest. From the same benevolent source alone,  
 we derive a supply to answer the various exigences which arise in such  
 an institution. As we are now engaged in building a Common Hall for  
 the public academical exercise of the students, and have no funds for  
 defraying the expence, we are obliged to solicit aid from the Patrons of  
 Science for this purpose. Our principal design in the erection of this  
 building is to promote the useful & ornamental practice of speaking  
 with ease in public. And as your experience in the business of the  
 State undoubtedly convinces you Gentlemen of the importance of an  
 early habit and address in oratory, we presume you will cheerfully en-  
 courage any useful plan for the Cultivation of it in this Government.  
 And as the public periodical exhibition of the Students at the College  
 have been attended with the best effects this way, though they have  
 laboured under many disadvantages for the want of a proper building  
 for the purpose, we flatter ourselves that you will grant us such assist-  
 ance as you may judge to be convenient, & necessary upon the present  
 occasion.

We are Gentlemen,

Your very humble Servts.

October  
 Rockingham  
 County  
 militia

Benjamin Harrison, County Lieut. of Rockingham, reporting the  
 strength of the Militia, to be 909, foot & cavalry, in October. 1789.

October

JOHN EVANS, COUNTY LIEUT., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Monongalia  
 County  
 militia

Reporting the strength of the militia of Monongalia County to be  
 1 County Lt., 1 Colonel, 1 Lieut. Col., 1 Major, 10 Captains, 10 Lieu-  
 tenants, 10 Ensigns, 600 rank and file, Total 634.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON, L. COL. ORANGE MILITIA, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH. 1789.

Reporting the strength of the Militia of Orange County to be 1 Regiment, 12 Companies, 1 Lieut. Col., 1 Major, 6 Captains, 11 Lieuts. 10 Ensigns, 28 Sergeants, 3 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 2 Fifers, and 731 Privates. October Orange Co. militia

The County Court of Amelia. October, 1789, appointed Francis Anderson, Jr., Ensign., Archer Johnson, Jr., Ensign, Jacob Roberts, to be Captain, Parham Booker to be Lieut., Pinkish Booker, to be Ensign, Grief Talley, to be Captain, Matthew Wills, to be Lieut., William Cousins, to be Ensign, Edward Wilkerson, to be Captain, Joel Jackson, to be Lieut., and Crofford Anderson, to be Ensign. October Amelia Co. militia

This report seems to be in the hand writing of Edmund Randolph, one of the compilers appointed by the General Assembly in Oct., 1789, with Messrs. Mercer, Tazewell, Prentiss and Tucker for the purpose of making a new edition of the laws of this Commonwealth, with a distribution of the work to be performed among the said gentlemen, and contains some letters from him to the parties named on this subject, and also memoranda of the work in hand copied from the Acts of Assembly. October Compilers New edition of state laws

MAJOR E. LANGHAM TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH. Novem. 21

Sir,

I rec'd yours yesterday respecting ammunition, &c. for the Indian Chief of the Chickasaw Nation, all of which shall be complied with as speedily as possible. It will not be possible to get waggons in this neighborhood for the purpose of carrying the Lead. I must therefore send to M'tgomery and have waggons engaged to Carry the Lead to Winchester, or shou'd there be a nigher rout to redstone, they shall be engaged to deliver it there. I can make out to get waggons in this neighborhood to carry the powder to Winchester & must go that far myself to engage the carriage to redstone. I judge it is at least as far from McGavok's to redstone as from this place. Point of Fork Ammunition for Chickasaw nation

I judge it will cost £160 to get the powder and lead delivered at redstone, therefore would be glad to receive pr. bearer £80 for the purpose Cost of carrying

1789. of executing the business, and the balance, whatever it may be, may remain until the work is completed. You will find by my last acct. of Novem. 2d Cash expended, that there remains in my hands only £10, 15s, 9d, which will answer no purpose in this business. I shall pay every attention necessary to the Indians & dispatch them as early as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's mo. Hble. Servt.

The Chief, Peoming, has this morn'g made application for about 40 Gallons of rum to serve them on their route down the Ohio. He says that he quite forgot to apply to you, but wishes me to do it in his behalf. Your orders on this occasion shall be obeyed, and furnished if you choose, if at all, by yr. contract.

Novem. 3d

WM. DAVIES TO GOVNR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

New York In which he states that he has just rec'd the Governor's letter of the 23d ultimo. He begs to refer him to three former letters, and in addition requests to have forwarded to him the accounts and letters of General Clark & others relative to his Shawnese Expedition. He thinks that from all he learn in regard to the settlement of the claims of other states, he can, with these papers, accomplish a credit to the State for their amount, & solicits the aid of the Governor in procuring them for him. His last letter was on the subject of money and says that at present he is in real distress.

Novem 3d.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Washington Co. Enclosing a Return of the militia of Washington County for Octo., 1789. States that it is very imperfect by reason of neglect of officers commanding companies. Thinks that the frequent altering of the militia law has a pernicious tendency. In October, 1788, the Court Martial was strict & fined a number of officers. The law of last year was considered as a privilege to have a rehearing, and at the last Court Martial all the fines of the officers were remitted Except one. Is doubtful of their powers and requests the Governor's commands on this subject. The remainder of the fines, which amounts to upwards of £20, is not yet collected, tho' the Sheriff answer him he has made every effort in his power. The Militia Return is 1 county Lieut., 1 Col., 1 Lt. Col., 1 Major, 15 Captains, 13 Lieutenants, 11 Ensigns, 30 Sergeants, 3 Drummers, 2 Fifers—675 Rank & file, adding in the Remarks "no Returns from three companies, nor of the Arms, Ammunition, Dead or Removed."

Militia laws  
two frequently  
altered

Militia  
returns

## SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1789.

Reports that Ohio & Nelson Counties have made militia Returns, but made no distinction between officers and privates, so send no return of their arms, accoutrements, & ammunition. Monongalia Co. makes this distinction, & goes no farther. Hanover return is in form; states that he has rec'd a letter from County Lieut. of Goochland, saying that Judgment had been obtained against the sheriff, for amount of fines put into his hands for Collection. The sheriff has appealed, & County Lt. requests to know what further steps to take.

Novem. 3d  
Militia  
returns  
Ohio, Nelson  
and Monon-  
galia  
Goochland

Botetourt returns are made in due form for the year 1788 & 1789. Affidavits tending to the exense of the County Lieut. of Botetourt for not making returns for 1788 sooner, are received; has rec'd an affidavit proving that the County Lieutenant of Montgomery hath received no fines. The County Lieut. of Campbell has resigned. The Colonel of Ohio has resigned. Lincoln return of Militia deficient in Form; says that pursuant to a letter from County Lieut. of Westmoreland, commissions have issued to Wm. A. Washington, as Colonel, & to Wm. Nelson, as Lt. Col. of Militia for that County. A letter from the County Lt. of Hampshire, on the subject of a Lt. Col's. Commission to a Mr. Fox, is withheld for the resignation of Major McGuire. Return of Militia from Chesterfield is in due form; the County Lieut. has resigned, & made affidavit that no fines have come into his hands. The above & foregoing are since last Report.

Botetourt  
Montgomery  
Col. of Ohio  
Lincoln Co.  
Westmore-  
land  
Wm. A.  
Washington  
Wm. Nelson  
Hampshire  
Chesterfield

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Clerk of Court Martial, Louisa Co., certifying fines assessed against Thos. Anderson, Benjn. B. Hope, & L. Pullam.

Novem. 3d  
Louisa  
militia

## H. BROOKE, CLERK OF FAUQUIER CO. COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 3d

Enclosing a copy of the order of the Court for September, 1789, in which he is ordered to apply to the Executive for a Proclamation, directing the Court of said County to be holden at the house of Thomas Maddux, in said County, until the building in which the Court was formerly held, is repaired or rebuilt.

Fauquier Co.

He states that the Court was induced to make the order, because the present Courthouse was unfit to do business in, occasioned by decay. It is so much out of repair, that it will not keep out the rain, & does not think it safe to be in it, in any thing of a wind, as the roof is almost entirely rotten.

1789. EDWARD BOOKER, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 3d  
Amelia Co.  
militia      Return of the Militia of Amelia Co. for 1789, viz: 1 County Lieut..  
1 Colonel, 1 Lt. Col., 1 Major, 7 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 6 Ensigns, 20  
Sergeants, 472 Effective.

Novem. 4th

E. LANGHAM TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Point of  
Fork      Sir,

Pioningo  
wishes to  
change his  
route

Pioningo, the Chickasaw Chief, wishes to change his rout by way of Holston, instead of redstone. He observes that the talk he had with you, he wishes not to violate in the smallest Instance, yet he conceives that if it is his choice to have the ammunition delivered at the long Islands of Holston, or thereabouts, provided it will not be more expensive to the State, that you will have no objection. He observes that he is fearful the river Ohio will be frozen up, before he can possibly be prepared to go down, & in that case he will be in a bad situation; That on Holston, a number of families are making ready to go down, and that if he can have his stores there time enough to accompany them, he can go down safe. If he is not time enough for those families, that he can send a small part of his ammunition with orders for a Guard to come to him for the safe conveyance of the remainder of his ammunition down the Tanessee river. My orders is to deliver the stores at redstone, & must do so unless ordered to the contrary. I am so sure that you will not object to the rout, that the Chief proposes, that I venture to set out the powder that way on Saturday morning next, knowing that the expense to the State will thereby be considerably lessened, as from Magaflocks to the long Island of Holston is not more than 120 miles, and to redstone would be 380 miles. I shall wait your orders on this head, & so soon as I receive them, shall proceed on, either to deliver the stores ordered at the long Islands, or to turn the powder to redstone, & engage the carriage of the lead to the same place. The chief further observes that even should he be detain'd the winter, it will be better for him to be on Holston, where he is acquainted with Capt. King & other friendly families, than at redstone, where he is a stranger; provided you consent for him to change his route, he wishes to give up the letter that he has to Mr. Kean of Winchester, & that you will authorize me to furnish him with the rifles by purchase, or to agree with Capt. King of Holston to furnish them.

I have the honor to be

Your mo. ob't Servt.

I rec'd the money pr. Mr. McDonald. To-morrow morning the waggon sets out with the powder.

COL. FRANCIS GOODE TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

1789.

Stating that he resigns his commission in the Militia, his business putting it out of his power to attend to it.

Novem. 4th  
Chesterfield  
Resigning  
his commis-  
sion in the  
militia

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 5th

This Letter is in reply to one received from the Governor, to whom Robert Teare complains that L. Wood refused to receive payment from him for his Bonds. He acknowledges that Mr. Teare offered payment, but the bonds had not come into his possession at that time, and he declined to receive his warrants as a public officer or as an individual. He refers the matter to the discretion of the Executive to determine the propriety of demanding or remitting the Interest.

Richmond

MR. OSTER, VICE-CONSUL OF FRANCE, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 5th

This correspondence is in French, and in the interest of Mr. Chaumont & other Frenchmen who have claims against the State of Virginia desiring a settlement.

Norfolk  
French  
claimants  
against the  
state

ED. HARWOOD, COUNTY LIEUT. OF WARWICK, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 6th

Stating that he will be able to send a return of the strength of the Warwick Co. militia after the 20th inst., that being General Muster day. In the mean- time he recommends Wm. Digges, Jr., Wm. Allen, Jr., & Humphrey Harwood, as proper men to serve as Cavalry officers for this County.

Militia

CHARLES HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Novem. 7th

Resolution requesting the Executive to have printed the usual number of copies of the Laws & resolutions of a public nature of the present Session with all possible dispatch, that the members may be Enabled to carry to each county its respective proportion; and that the Executive make such allowance for printing the same out of the salary of the public printer as they shall think reasonable: provided the public printer cannot satisfy the Executive that he can perform the business himself.

Public print-  
ing

Agreed to by the Senate Nov. 12th, 1789, & certified by H. Brooke, C. S.

1789.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 7th Richmond Motions against county lieutenants Informing the Governor that he had continued the motions against the following County Lieutenants for not making returns of militia & not accounting for Fines, to the Ensuing court, and wishes to be instructed whether to prosecute or dismiss them, viz: Wm. Bowyer, of Augusta Co., not making return of militia and not accounting for Fines; James Pendleton, of Culpeper, for same; John Fitzgerald, of Fairfax, for same; John Wilson, of Pittsylvania, for same; David Mason, of Sussex, for same; George Hillern, of Botetourt, for not making return of Militia; Thomas Edmunds & Thos. Claiborne, of Brunswick, for same; George Thompson, of Fluvanna, for same; William Ward, of Greenbrier, for same; George Hairston, of Henry, for same; Nathaniel Burwell, of James City, for same; Francis Peyton, of Loudoun, for same; Henry Walker, of Mecklenburg, for same; Thos. Gaskins, of Northumb'd, for same; Edmund Ruffin, of Prince George, for same; John Blackwell, of Fauquier, not accounting for fines; John Skinner, of King George, for same; Thomas Mathews, of Norfolk, for same; John Bowyer, of Rock-bridge, for same; Edwd. Harwood, of Warwick, for same; Thomas Posey, of Spottsylvania, for same.

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Novem. 7th

WILL. DAN. CLAIBORNE TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

No place  
given

Declining to serve as sheriff of King William Co. longer; and asks that another appointment take place.

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Novem. 9th

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

New York  
Pensioners

States that he omitted to mention in his last letter that the return of Pensioners, which he delivered last Spring to the Secretary of War, and which he says he sent to the late Board of Treasury, cannot now be found. He does not think that it will make any immediate difference, as the new Auditor has but lately arrived, and there can be no conjecture when he will be able to attend to this part of the business, as he has not only his share of the new accounts, and all the old of the Treasury Dept. to adjust, but also all the accounts of the five great Departments that were left by the late Commissioners Burrall & Walker are to undergo his examination & decision. In regard to the subject of milage, he states that Massachusetts has charged it to Camp for every recruit, and it is not rejected as yet, by the Commissioner of Army accounts. This charge seems never to have been thought of in Virginia. Says that Mr. Beckley's early return to New York, will afford

Milage  
charged by  
Massachu-  
setts

a safe opportunity of sending the papers that have been collected; say that he will have to buy a set of the Journals of Congress, which will be returned to the Executive, when he has finished using them. He well remembers that milage was allowed the troops in 1777, at settlements he saw made at the army, but thought the allowance had been repealed. The allowance is in addition to the pay; the same to soldier & officer. It is a penny of Virginia currency a mile, and 20 miles is estimated a day's march; making the milage 1 pr. day, being more than a soldier's, and less than an officer's daily pay. The fact is the milage has no relation at all to the pay.

1789.

Novem. 9th

Same to officers and soldiers

The collectors of vouchers would do well to obtain from the General, Field, or Commanding officers of Companies, certificates of the places where their several Corps joined the Headquarters of the Southern Army, and where they left it, as the distance which numbers of the Militia marched to the Southward, renders the charge a matter of consequence. These enquiries he says, can be made in every county, in respect to every tour throughout the war. It is a matter of regret, that this matter has not received Earlier attention. Gen'l Stevens, Col. Mason, Col. Burwel, & several members of assembly can give information on this subject. Mr. Yarbrough's particular attention should be directed to this object, as he thinks that the troops who marched to join Gen'l Lincoln in South Carolina, went entirely from the south side of James River, & Chiefly from the district assigned to him, the distances found on the attendance books of the assembly, will be of much use.

Genl. Lincoln

The President of the United States, it is supposed is now on the return from New Hampshire. The Comptroller arrived yesterday.

W. H. MACON, COUNTY LIEUT. OF NEW KENT Co., GENERAL RETURN OF MILITIA & ARMS, &c. Novem. 9th

County Lt., Col., Lt. Col., Major, 5 Captains, viz: Nathaniel Wilkenson, Stanhope Vangne, George Ball, George Wilkenson, Wm. Chamberlayne, Lieut. William Hockaday, 6 Lieuts., 3 Ensigns, 18 Sergeants—303 Rank & file. No other names given. New Kent militia

ANTHONY STREET, COUNTY LIEUT., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH. Novem. 9th

Enclosing four recommendations, no names given, for officers of Militia for Lunenburg County, also General return of Militia for the year 1789, viz: 1 Regt., 1 County Lt., 1 Col., 1 Lt. Col., 16 Capts., 16 Lieuts, 16 Ensigns, 14 Sergeants, 9 Drums & Fiddlers, 686 Effective. Lunenburg Co. Militia returns



1789.

## HARRY HETH TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Novem. 9th Account Sales of 39 Hhds. Tobacco rec'd from Matthew Anderson by  
 Richmond order of the Hon'l the Executive:  
 Sales of Sold to Alexander McCauley, 39 Hhd., at Ware, 39,456lbs @ 16s, £315,  
 tobacco 12s, 10d. Payl. 20 Dec'r & 20 Jan'ry, Specie.

Novem. 9th

## STATEMENT OF HARRY HETH.

Richmond Being Transcript from Sales of 181 Hhds. Public Tobacco from Oct.  
 Sales of 7th to Nov. 9th 1789—inclusive wgt., 184,048lbs, prices ranging from 16s  
 public tobacco to 20s per lb, amounting to £1,632, 12s, 7½d, and sold to Robert Goode,  
 Alex. McCauley, Jas Brown, Ben. Harrison, Loll & Higbee, Benedict  
 Crump, John Swann, John Hopkins, Robert Page & Cash.

Novem. 10th PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, FROM NUMEROUS  
 CITIZENS OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

Goochland Setting forth that Heth Jones Miller had been nominated by the  
 County County Court for Captain of the company of Militia, lately commanded  
 by Capt. Thomas Royster, who has resigned his commission. That the  
 Captain of said court was not a full bench for business, being composed of but five  
 militia com. members; that the said Heth Jones Miller does not reside in the Dis-  
 Not a full trict of which the said company is composed, and pray that notwith-  
 bench standing the said Miller has received his commission, the Executive will  
 Does not re- direct the said court not to allow him to qualify, but proceed, a majority  
 side in the district of the Court being present, to nominate some fit person residing in the  
 district District for the position. The certificate of Wm. Miller, D. C. of  
 Pray that he the court accompanies this petition, stating that on the day the  
 be not recommendation of Miller for the commission took place, it was after all  
 allowed to the other business of the day was over, say between 4 and 5 o'clock,  
 qualify so that only four Justices sat & nominated H. J. Miller. The sheriff  
 was ordered to call in members of the bench, but none came.

November  
 Henrico

Henrico County Court, upon application & complaint of the sheriff  
 that a jail be assigned him, as the present jail of the County is in the  
 possession & use of the Jailor of the Richmond District Court. It is  
 ordered that Nathaniel Wilkinson & Miles Selden be appointed to wait  
 on the Executive, respecting this application, that the difficulties attend-  
 ing the same may be removed.

NEW KENT COUNTY COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

1789.

William Hockady, & William Foster to be Captains, Joseph Wood-ward & Thos. Howle, to be Lieutenants, James Williams, William Bailey, Thomas Ratcliff, and George Meux, to be Ensigns in the Militia. Novem. 12th New Kent County Militia officers

STOTT & DONALDSON TO GOV. RANDOLPH.

Novem. 12th

Stating that his letter of the 9th, was received, advising that they might receive £49, 17s, current money, on account of Col. Wm. Davies, & request that the amount be paid upon the application of Wm. Mitchell of Richmond, who will grant the necessary receipts. Petersburg Asking that their claim be paid to Wm. Mitchell

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 12th

Audr's office 12 Nov., 1789.

No place given

Sir,

I have received an order of Council, directing me to furnish an account of the donations given by this state to the officers & soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental Establishment, and beg leave to inform your Excellency that there is no particular amount on the Auditor's books of *Donations to the army*. They are carried into account along with the advances, Expenditures, pay & supplies, & charged under the general head of *Army*, and therefore an account of the donations wch have been paid, can only be made up by selecting those charges from the auditor's Journals from '79 to 89. The Commissioner for adjusting the Continental account is possessed of all the day-books belonging to this office, and from the establishment of the board, up to the 1st January '89; and as all the donations which have been paid at the public Treasury, on warrants from the Board of Auditor's, must appear on the day-books which I have said are in the hands of the Commiss'r, I presume Sir, he may with equal facility & more propriety raise the account himself. It is the duty of the Comm'r to select & bring forward, and not the business of the Auditor to furnish, such charges as ought to be introduced into this State's account against the U'd States; and with respect to the donations, I suppose it would be necessary to examine the Laws & Reso's of Assembly from the commencement to the close of the war, in order to ascertain the donations which have been allowed by the Legislature of Virginia. Donations to officers and soldiers Under general head of Army The commissioner has the books Commissioner to attend to this business, not the auditor's

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obt. Servt.

1789.

GEORGE JACKSON TO GENL. JAMES WOOD.

Novem. 12th Stating that he incloses Col. Job Welton's receipts from the different Richmond officers of Monongalia, Harrison, & Randolph Counties for Arms, powder, Arms & ammunition for lead & flints; that there is a balance wanting of what Col. Welton Monongalia, received for to Mr. Langham, & sends a copy of Col. Welton's letter to Harrison and Randolph Cos. him to make the matter clearer, in which he says the powder was sent Powder lost by the waggoners that a good deal of it was lost. The loss on the lead Lead lost cannot be accounted for. He will afford the Executive any further information in regard to this matter with pleasure, & hopes to receive a call out of the House if such information is desired.

Novem. 12th

JOHN KING TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Fayette Co., Ky. Stating that he encloses medical certificate in regard to his wound, and asks the Governor to lay his case before the Assembly, that he may Wants a pension be put in a way to get something to make amends for the pain he has suffered & still suffers for the sake of his country.

Pension

Fayette County, Nov. court, certifies that John King, duly proved, that on the 15th day of March, 1781, he was a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Cunningham, in a regiment commanded by Col. Nathaniel Cocke, which then was part of a Brigade commanded by Genl. Edward Stevens; that on the day aforesaid, at Guilford Court House, he received a musket ball in the upper part of his thigh, by which he is considerably disabled; that he was at that time a citizen of this Commonwealth, & in the service of this State. Whereupon, Doctor John Tom. Slater was ordered to examine his wound, & certify to the Executive, ascertaining the several degrees of disability occasioned thereby, in order that he may receive a *pension* in proportion thereto.

Dr. Slater's certificate

Dr. John Tom's Slater's certificate accompanies these papers, dated Fayette County, Kentucky, Lexington, April 15, 1789, stating that he had Examined the wound of Jno. King; there was a large formation of matter in the thigh in consequence of a wound by a ball, which penetrated the limb, that he was disabled thereby for five months, & has to the present time experienced great weakness in the part affected, with a general debility, which appears impossible to be entirely removed.

Dr. Foushee's certificate

W. Foushee certifies that the patient is about 28 years of age; that a ball has passed through his thigh & groin, near the neck of the thigh bone; that there can be no doubt, but a considerable degree of disability to support himself, by hard labor only exists.

Thos. Ridley certifying that Benjamin Blurt County Lientenant of 1789.  
Southampton, this day made oath before him that he has received no Novem. 13th  
money by virtue of his office for militia fines for the years 1788, & 1789. Southampton County

Trial & conviction of George, negro man slave, of Alexander Glass Novem. 14th  
Strachan of Petersburg, for Felony; His sentence to be hanged, and Petersburg  
Petition of the Court, & other citizens for his pardon.

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held for the town of Petersburg, at  
the house of James Bromley, heretofore called John Hares, in the said  
town of Petersburg, Nov. 14, 1789, for the trial of the said negro George.

Present: Simon Fraser, Esquire, mayor; Joseph Westmore, Esquire, Court  
Recorder; Samuel Davies, Thomas G. Peachy, James Corran, Gentle-  
men, Aldermen.

Richard Gregory, Deputy attorney in the Court of the town of Deputy  
Petersburg for the Commonwealth, gives the Court to understand and attorney's  
be informed that George, a negro slave, the property of Alexander Indictment  
Glass Strachan of the said town, not having the fear of God before his  
eyes, but being instigated by the devill, sometime on or about the six-  
teenth day of October, in the present year of our Lord, One Thousand  
seven hundred & Eighty-nine, and within the jurisdiction of the said  
Town, Did break and enter the Warehouse of Messrs. Kellock & Morris- Break and  
son, with force and Arms, and the following Goods and Chattels, being enter  
the proper Goods and Chattels of the said Kellock & Morrison, to-wit:  
two pieces of sheeting, a piece of brown sheeting, three pieces of blue  
half-thicks, a piece of Green half-thicks, and sundry other goods to the  
value of Twenty pounds, Feloniously did Steal, take, and carry away,  
Contrary to the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided; and  
against the peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth, wherefore he  
prays Judgment against the said George, &c.

Whereupon the said George was led to the Barr in custody of Robert Led to the  
Armistead, Gentleman, Sargeant of this Town, to whose custody for bar  
the cause aforesaid, he was committed, and being arraigned of the  
premises, he said he was in nowise thereof Guilty, and for his Trial, Pleadet not  
according to the Act of the General Assembly in such case made, he guilty  
put himself upon the Court.

Whereupon divers witnesses were sworn and examined, and the said Witnesses  
George heard in his own defence. On consideration whereof, It is the sworn  
unanimous opinion of the Court that the said George is guilty of the Opinion of  
the Felony aforesaid in manner and form as in the Information against him the Court  
is alledged, and thereupon it being demanded of him if any thing for Guilty  
himself he had, or knew to say why the court here to Judgment and  
Execution against him of, and upon the premises should not proceed; Asked if he  
he said he had nothing but what he had before said; therefor: it is con- had any-  
sidered by the Court that he be hanged by the neck untill he is dead, thing more  
to say

1789. and it is commanded the Sergeant that he cause Execution of this judgment to be done on Saturday, the Nineteenth day of December next, at the usual place of Execution.

Novem. 14th  
To be  
hanged  
His value

The court also valued him to sixty-five pounds, Current money.

The minutes of these proceedings were signed,

SIMON FRASER, Mayor.

A true Copy.

J. GRAMMER, C. C.

To His Excellency Beverly Randolph, Esq.

Petition for  
pardon by  
the Court

The petition of the Magistrates composing the Court, for the tryal of George on suspicion of Felony, Respectfully sheweth: That circumstances inclining to mercy appearing to the Court in the course of his trial, they cannot refrain, having neglected to make the usual entry recommendation to mercy on their minutes, praying of their own mere motion, that your Excellency will spare the life of the said George, his condemnation being founded on a confession produced perhaps by a promise of mercy, when a greater villian, more guarded as is the opinion of the subscribers, escaped the punishment due his crimes, & who no evidence could convict, George being charged as principal in the felony.

SIMON FRASER.

JOS. WESTMORE, Recorder,

SAML. DAVIES, Ald'n,

T. G. PEACHY.

JAMES CORRAN.

Petition  
from  
Citizens

The subscribers Humbly beg leave to add their solicitations to that of the Court, in praying your Excellency to spare the Life of the criminal George, whom they are told was alone convicted by his own confession, and as they believe this to have been the first offence he has been guilty of to affect his Life: Robert Turnbull, Will Cole, Rich'd Swepson, Robert Torrence, Wm. Barksdale, John Stuart, Arch. Gracie, W. Knox, Mason Stott, Daniel Staniford, John W. Shuter, Willson Stevenson, William Douglass, James Dunlop, Robt. Barber, Christ'r McConnus, George Torrance, Isaac Hall, J. Grammer, Thos. Shore, Richard Jones, William Robertson, Patrick White, Conway Whittle, Daniel Dodson, Wm. Stabler, Samuel Hough.

Novem. 14th

SAMUEL PAYNE TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Sir,

Richmond  
2 prisoners  
from Boston

I take the liberty to inclose my acco't, for bringing the two prisoners from Boston, which I hope will be thought reasonable, particularly considering that we were oblig'd to appropriate a room on purpose, and were at a considerable expence in securing them.

I am your very H'ble Servt.

Garrett Minor County Lieut. of Louisa, sending a General Return of the Regiment of Militia in the County of Louisa. 1789. Novem. 15th  
 1 Col., 1 Lt. Col., 1 major, 12 Captains, 11 Lieutenants, 12 Ensigns, Militia returns  
 29 Sergeants, 3 Drummers, 4 Fifers, 632 Rank & file; also 5 Swords, 11 Muskets, 71 Guns, 1 Bayonet.

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH. Novem. 16th

Sir,

I hope your Excellency will excuse the trouble I have occasion frequently to give you, but I find such deficiency on examining the papers delivered to Mr. Winder, that I am obliged to have recourse to your assistance. Having my attention principally directed to the specific claims, previous to Mr. Winder's departure, I had no opportunity of investigating those which were said to have been presented. I find however, that the accounts of stores furnished for public purposes from the public rope walk, the public tannery, the laboratory, hospital, and some other departments, are not here. The gentlemen who directed in these departments as usual, have, I suppose, settled with the Auditors for their disbursements of money, but of their application & distribution of stores, I can find no accounts among the papers here. I shall therefore feel myself much indebted to your Excellency, if you will direct an inquiry to be made in the offices for the settlements of the store's accounts made by the departments before specified. Col. Lynch last year promised me an account of the lead furnished from the mines, as most of the papers respecting it were destroyed. He has not as yet complied with his promise; perhaps an application from the Executive would produce the desired effect.

I am very respectfully,

Your Excellency's most obed. Servt.

Mr. Dunscomb obtained from the Audr's office all the accounts & vouchers which have been settled, relating to the departments mentioned in this letter.

Audr's office, 2 Dec., '89.

J. PENDLETON.

ROBERT PORTERFIELD TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH. Novem. 17th

Sir,

I received a letter from Colol. Davies, dated at Richmond, 27th Augusta Co. August, instructing me to transmit your Excellency such papers as I might in future collect, to be forwarded on to him at New York. Pro-

1789. Novem. 17th Papers to be forwarded to Col. Davies at New York Sent some by Mr. Edwards Sent bulk of papers by Alex. St. Clair

vions to the receipt of which, (early in Sept.,) I sent on such documents as I then had in possession, by a Mr. Edwards, Inspector at Manchester. They were vouchers of considerable value, and as its probable Mr. Davies had left Rich'd before Mr. Edw'ds had an opp'y of handing them, you may perhaps think it proper to have enquiry made thro' what channel they were sent on. You will receive by the hand of Alexander St. Clair, Esqr. a small bag containing the bulk of papers which may be expected from district No. 8. There are still some remaining, which shall be forwarded so soon as in my power to have them authenticated.

I have taken every step which I thout most likely to gain the information required, and altho' succeeded better than expected at first seting out, have met with much embarrassment owing to a degree of diffidence in some, & negligence in others.

Papers regarding supplies destroyed by County Lt. of Rock-bridge

I mentioned in a letter to Colol. Davies among many other reasons, why information cou'd not be obtained, that the County Lieutenant of Rockbridge had destroyed all his papers which related to supplies in time of war, but believe he will certify in a general way, "That all lawful requisitions on the County for men, money, &c., were comply'd with." He is now in Richmond. I must beg leave to observe that the sum advanc'd has prov'd inadequate to the necessary expences attending the business in this district, which I will undertake to say is not less from its Northern to Southern Extremities than 300 miles, & crossing it not less than 200. Mr. Johnston who collected the papers in the south-western Counties, has kept an accurate acco't of distance & money expended. I have done so in this quarter; I wish to know when the business is finished; whether its necessary that I waite on the Hon'l The Executive for a settlement or not. If there are any further instructions in this business, they shall be attended to.

I am with due respect,

Your Excellencie's ob. Servant.

Novem. 17th

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Anditor's office

Certificates Militia service & warrants for supplies

I have the honor to enclose the statement required by an order of Council of the 12th instant. I could wish it were practicable to ascertain the amount of outstanding Cert's for Militia service & warrants for supplies to the army, but the former having been entered very irregularly, & such of the latter as were issued by the Comm'rs Jones & Carrington, not being entered on the Auditor's books, I find it impossible to come at the amount. If the Executive should think it proper to make any alteration in the form of the enclosed abstract, I hope they will suggest it to

Your Excellency's

Most ob. Serv't.

H. BROOKE, CLK. SENATE.—COPY OF EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL. 1789.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded by Joint ballot with the House of Delegates, to the choice of a Judge of the Court of Appeals, in the room of John Blair, Esquire, who hath resigned. The members having prepared ballots with the name of the person to be appointed, & deposited the same in the ballot boxes. Mr. Carter, Mr. Southall, Mr. Anderson, & Mr. Jones, were nominated a Committee to meet a Committee from the House of Delegates, in the Conference Chamber, & jointly with them to Examine the ballot boxes, & report to the House on whom the majority of votes should fall. The Committee then withdrew, and after some time returned into the House, and reported that they had according to order, met a Committee from the House of Delegates, in the Conference Chamber, & jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and found a majority of votes in favor of James Mercer, Esquire.

Novem. 18th  
In the  
House of  
Senators  
Election of a  
Judge of the  
Court of  
Appeals in  
place of Jno.  
Blair,  
resigned  
Jas. Mercer  
chosen

CHARLES HAY, CLK. HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Novem. 18th

Certifies that the House proceeded on this day by joint ballot with the Senate, to the choice of a Judge of the Court of Appeals, in room of John Blair, Esq., resigned. The Committee to meet the House Committee were Mr. Benjamin Harrison, Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Edmund Harrison, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Taliaferro, Mr. Preston, Mr. James Wilkinson, Mr. Dawley, and Mr. Roger West. They returned to the Senate, and reported a majority of votes in favor of the Honorable James Mercer, Esquire.

In the  
House of  
Delegates  
House com-  
mittee on  
same

CHAS. HAY, CLK. HOUSE DELEGATES. Novem. 19th

Certifies that the House proceeded on this day by Joint ballot with the Senate, to fill the vacancies in the General Court. The Committee to meet the Senate Committee were Mr. Benjamin Harrison, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. White, Mr. Turberville, Mr. Cleery, Mr. Strother, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Preston. They returned to the House, and reported that a majority of votes were cast in favor of Joseph Jones and Spencer Roane, Esquires.

In House of  
Delegates  
Vacancies in  
General  
Court filled  
Jos. Jones  
and Spencer  
Roane  
chosen

SAM'L H. SAUNDERS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH. Novem. 19th

In which he states that he was employed during the war to manufacture some wheat for the public; That he was called on by a Mr.

Powhatan



1789. Morton to settle the accounts of that transaction, stating that he was  
 Novem. 19th authoriz'd to do so. He said the public had no use for the remainder of  
 Mr. Morton the flour on hand, & he would dispose of it; that he agreed with him  
 settles wheat for it, and gave him his obligations therefor; that when he manu-  
 accounts factured the public wheat, he supplied 102 flour barrels, costing him  
 Flour 2s. 6d. each; that he brought this charge when settling with Morton.  
 barrels  
 Not settled Morton said this charge did not fall within his department, as he was  
 for employed to settle for remains of the wheat & other public property in  
 Millers' hands; but that he would represent the case to the Executive,  
 & had no doubt of its being allowed. He pressed him urgently for his  
 obligation for the balance of the flour, saying his business would be  
 closed when that transaction should be settled. On this, he gave his  
 obligation to him, not doubting that justice would be done him. Con-  
 trary to his expectations, a suit has commenced against him in  
 Powhatan County Court, and judgment awarded. Mr. Morton con-  
 ducted the prosecution, & refused to suffer any credit to go against my  
 note. He understands also, that he has never represented the State of  
 the transaction to the Executive. Therefore, hopes the Governor will  
 submit his case to the Council, who he is persuaded, wish on all occasions  
 to dispense justice, which he has a right to ask. If they will be pleased  
 to examine this matter, & will fix a day, he will give Mr. Morton notice  
 thereof, & bring forward the proper proofs; or if more agreeable to the  
 Executive and the board, it will be equally so to him, to submit the case  
 to any reputable, well-informed gentleman, either in that County. City  
 of Richmond, or elsewhere, that his Excellency & the Council may  
 appoint.

Novem. 19th

## H. BROOKE, CLERK OF SENATE.

Election of  
 Members to  
 fill vacancies  
 in General  
 Court  
 Joseph  
 Jones and  
 Spencer  
 Roane  
 chosen

Certifies that the Senate proceeded on this day, on Joint ballot with  
 the House of Delegates, to nominate a Committee to meet House Com-  
 mittee, & count ballots for vacancies in the General Court. The Com-  
 mittee of Senate, Mr. Southall, Mr. Karnes, Mr. Cabell, & Mr. Coleman,  
 upon returning to the Senate from the Conference Chamber, they  
 reported that a majority of votes fell upon Joseph Jones & Spencer  
 Roane, Esquires.

Novem. 23rd

## WILL FINNIE TO GOV. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Norfolk

Stating that he had a letter rec'd on yesterday, from Col. Wm. Davies,  
 asking information and explanation of sundry considerable claims, he  
 wishes to establish against the United States, during the time he acted

as Deputy Quarter-master General, from the beginning of 1776. He has written him that it is impossible to give him the desired information, unless he could attend him in person, as many of his papers are filed in the different offices, where he finally settled his accounts. He is willing to attend him during his settlements, and thinks that he would be of infinite service to him in establishing many claims requiring support & information on both sides of the question, as he acted for both State & United States for about same period. He will require a moderate allowance made him for his time, and say that he will proceed to New York at once, if the Governor so orders it.

1789.

Novem. 23rd  
Col. Davies  
asks information  
about claims  
against  
United  
States

R. HARRISON TO THE HON. JAMES WOOD.

Novem. 23rd

Sir,

In compliance with your request, contained in your favor of the 16th Inst., I have the Honor to inclose for the Information of the Honorable Executive, the most accurate Statement I can form of the prize sent by the Liberty to Martinique. Part of the effects, as you will please to observe, and of which I have stated the net product, were sold in that Island; but from the loss of some books and papers, it is out of my power to ascertain the particulars. If however, such account should be thought necessary, I presume it may be found among the papers of the then State Agent, to whom different copies were transmitted at the time. This is the only prize in which the state was concerned, that ever came under my care.

Alexandria  
Prize sent  
by the  
Liberty to  
Martinique

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully Sir,

Your obed't h'ble servt.

BENJAMIN HARRISON TO GOVR. BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 23rd

Sir,

The Inclos'd is a strength Report of the Militia of the County, but Rather Imparfely taken Because I have not officers In commission to command the Whole of my Militia, for Instance, there was two Cpts. companies as laid of that there was not a commissioned officer in, therefore I was under the needcessity to apply to a former Return for them. I Receiv'd your favour of the 19th August, sign'd Saml. Coolman, some time in this month, Leting me know some errows committed in our County Clark, Not Making proper & nesesserry Remarks and Distinctions in the Recomendations to your Honour; But for the futer, I hope to be Beter Serv'd, by seeing that the Recomendations Be made agreeable to your Directions.

Rocking-  
ham County  
In regard to  
strength of  
Militia

I am Sir, with Due Esteem,

Your Excelleye's most obed. & H'ble Servt.

1789. RICH'D KENNON, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF MECKLENBURG Co., TO GOV-  
 Novem. 25th ERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond      Enclosing return of the Militia of Mecklenburg County, and telling  
 Militia      the Governor that the County Court had by mistake omitted to make  
 return      recommendations for one of Companies belonging to the second Regi-  
 ment. The officers omitted are John Hopkins, for Captain, & William  
 John, Hop-      Hendrick, for Lieutenant; and asks that their Commissions be made  
 kins      out. He states that the militia return inclosed, includes the Troops.  
 William  
 Hendrick

Novem. 26th

WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

New York      Thanking the Governor for his attention to his application for money.  
 Says Mr. Griffin being in hast, he defers till next mail, a particular  
 answer to his letter; meantime he begs to commit the enclosed to his  
 protection.

Novem. 28th CERTIFICATES FROM CHARLES HAY CL'K OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AND  
 H. BROOKE CL'K OF THE SENATE.

The two      Stating that the Joint Committee of the two houses met in the con-  
 Houses      ference Chamber this day, to examine the ballot boxes, and report on  
 choose a      whom the majority of votes for Governor should fall; his term of office  
 Governor      being for one year from the Third of December next. *House Committee*  
 being Mr. Richard Lee, Mr. Corbin, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Walker, Mr.  
 Hopkins, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pendleton, & Mr. Thurston.  
 Governor      *Senate Committee* being Mr. Sonthall, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Carter, and Mr.  
 Beverly      Wills. They reported that the majority of votes had fallen on Beverly  
 Randolph      Randolph, Esquire.

Henrico County—To-wit:

I, John Pendleton, a magistrate for the said  
 Oaths ad-      County, do hereby certify that I have this day administered to His  
 ministered      Excellency Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor or chief magistrate of  
 the Commonwealth of Virginia, the oaths prescribed by law.  
 Given under my hand the 8th day of december, 1789.

JOHN PENDLETON.

M. ANDERSON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

1789.

Sir,

Novem. 28th

Some time last month, a Negro man slave, named ———, the property of Mr. John Lawson, was arraigned and tried for Robbery in Gloucester County. found guilty by the Court, and sentenced to suffer death on the fourth day of next month.

Richmond  
Slave tried  
for robbery  
Sentenced to  
death

I was not one of the Court who sat on his trial, but the Clerk informed me that the precise Proof adduced against him was that he did in the day time enter into a dwelling house, the door of which was open, stole out sundry clothes, and was making off, when a young woman, who had been out, as well as I recollect, getting wood, was returning to the House, observed and followed him a little way, calling to him & begging that he would return the clothes, which he refused to do. Last week, Colo. Boswell, a magistrate in Gloucester, shewed me a letter from Mr. Lawson, earnestly requesting that he would if possible, get a reprieve, promising that if it could be effected, he would send him so great a distance, that he never should again do mischief in Gloucester.

The owner  
requests a  
reprieve

Colo. Boswell, as well as myself, felt himself in a very delicate situation, as neither of us sat on his trial, but he requested that I would lay the matter before the Executive. I do indeed feel myself in a very delicate situation, but humanity in this case getting the better of delicacy, forces me to be thus troublesome, for which I hope I shall be pardoned by your Honorable board.

I have the Honor to be with every sentiment of respect Sir,

Your most obedient Hble Servt.

T. POSEY TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Novem. 28th

Stating that a mistake had arisen in respect to a commission issued in favor of Beverly Stanard for Lieutenant, vice John Woolfolk resigned, in the troop of Militia Cavalry to be raised in Spotsylvania. The truth being that John Woolfolk was cornet, and Beverly Stanard was recommended to take his place. He returns Mr. Stanard's Lieut.'s commission and wishes a Cornet's made out in its place.

Fredericks-  
burg

Beverly  
Stanard a  
Cornet

THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR B. RANDOLPH.

Novem. 28th

Says he ordered a General Muster for the Borough, which was held, but could hold no Court Martial for fining delinquents owing to the death of one Captain and absence of another, so can make no return. He is much at a loss for another Colonel, for though the Corps is small,

Norfolk

1789. yet he finds it difficult to hold Courts Martial. If the Major is absent  
 Novem. 28th none can be held, as it is judged the Command'g Officer cannot set on  
 Courts them, being the returning officer of all delinquencies. Wishes to know  
 Martial if he is entitled to a Lient. Colonel or whether the law excludes the  
 Settlers commanding officer from setting on the Courts martial. Says that they  
 have many settlers in the Borough who have not taken the oath of  
 citizenship & who refuse to do duty. Wishes to know if they can be  
 compelled to muster or pay a fine. Many of these men he says have  
 married here and enjoy all the benefits of the country and contribute  
 nothing towards its protection.

No Place

P. TARDIVEAU TO THE GOVERNOR.

Received Petitions and shews that in 1787 he was clerk to the Commiss'rs for set-  
 Novem. 28th tling the Expenditures of the campaigns under Genl. Geo. Rogers Clark  
 & Col. Benjamin Logan. Being no printing offices in the District, he  
 was forced to buy paper to write the books & certificates. He has been  
 paid for the writing of blank certificates but has never been reimbursed  
 the price of the paper, and asks that the amount Three Pounds, fifteen  
 shillings be counted to him.

Novem. 30th

CHARLES HAY CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Public  
printing

Certifying that the House resolved that the Public printer be directed  
 to print four copies of all public acts & resolutions of this Session for  
 each county.

Agreed to by the Senate Dec. 2d.

H. BROOKE, Clk. Senate.

Novem. 30th

HUGH PATTON TO GOV'R BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond  
 Purchase  
 of 300 lbsds.  
 Tobacco

Tobacco  
 demanded  
 State agent  
 refused  
 Prays for  
 relief

Petition stating that he purchased of Harry Heth last September,  
 Three Hundred lbsds. of Tobacco, said Heth being the State Agent, as  
 per enclosed Invoice, the money to be paid 1st January, 1790, The  
 tobacco to remain with Heth till he returned from Philadelphia or found  
 need for the Notes, at which time he was to deposit public papers or  
 cash to guarantee his performance of the contract. That soon after his  
 arrival he demanded the tobacco according to the bargain, but to his  
 surprise was refused, Mr. Heth alleging that I had not complied, which  
 is entirely groundless, and begs that an order be given for the delivery  
 of the tobacco, or the matter be left to arbitration or any other mode  
 that may be judged best.

TURNER SOUTHALL.

1789.

Certifying that he has administered unto Charles Carter, Esq., the oaths prescribed by law to be taken by a privy counsellor.

Novem. 30th  
Chas. Carter  
Privy Coun-  
sellor

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 30th

Reports that the County Lieutenants of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Hardy, King William, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, & Northumberland Counties have made militia returns for 1789. The county Lieuts. of Southampton, Fairfax, & Fluvanna certify that they have received no muster fines for 1789. Francis Goode has resigned his Commiss'n as Col. of the militia for Chesterfield Co.

Richmond  
Militia  
returns

JACOB RINKER, COUNTY LIEUT. OF SHENANDOAH, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 30th

Inclosing a General return of the Militia, arms & accoutrements for 1789—all the arms being private property.

Militia

JOSEPH HORNSBY, TREASURER OF LUNATIC HOSPITAL, TO GOV'R BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Decem. 1st

Enclosing a copy of the Order of the Board of Directors of the Lunatic Hospital, directing him to request the Governor to apply to the Auditor for his warrant for £200 for the present support of the Hospital.

Williams-  
burg  
For support  
of Lunatic  
Hospital

ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO JAMES MCGAVOCK.

Decem. 2nd

Stating that he had an order from the Executive for (he thinks) 2,000 p'ds Lead. Thought he had sent it to him, if not, will make search & see how much had been received, by the time McGavock's son returns. Thinks he has received 3 whole large bars and a half.

Lead

COL. WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 3rd

Replying to the Governor's letter of the 13th ultimo, says that the statement of distances is expressed to be from the seat of Government,

New York

1789. but as the route of the Militia from many of the Counties to the Army  
 Decem. 3rd lay wide of Richmond, a list taken from the books of Attendance at  
 Militia W'msburg would be of Considerable use. With respect to the militia  
 Southern who joined the army in their several Campaigns Southward, & the reputed  
 campaign distances of their counties, Gen'l Stevens, Col. Mason, & other members  
 of the assembly may give sufficient information.

The donations to the army given by the state appear on the Auditor's  
 book, which he now has. He would like to have the day books for  
 January, 1786, and for the whole of 1785. The Commiss'rs of General  
 Board say that no further testimony will be admitted after the 19th of  
 next month, that being 12 months from the time of their commencing  
 the business. They consent, however, to receive us of that day what-  
 ever he may offer prior to 1st February. He is concerned that it should  
 be deemed impracticable to obtain information of the bounties given by  
 divisions, as it is of such magnitude, he cannot yet give up hope. He  
 recollects having heard that the recruits cost at least £20 on an average,  
 specie value. This was under Act of Spring 1780 for raising 3,000 men,  
 which gave a Tobacco Loan office certificate as the only public bounty.  
 He has direct evidence of 1,311 men being recruited under this law in  
 36 Counties, and presumptive proof of many more, & has no doubt if  
 full returns from the whole state could be had, that at least 2,500 men  
 were raised. Thinks that the Amount would be about £40,000 Specie,  
 a sum too great to be lost on one law.

Bounties by  
 division

Cost of  
 recruits

The county which the division contracted with their substitute for,  
 was procured by compulsion when not voluntarily contributed, & may  
 therefore with more ease be ascertained. Thinks from the small number  
 of vouchers so far obtained from Mr. Laughorne for his district, makes  
 him fear that Mr. L. does not fully comprehend the business of his  
 Appointment. Spoke in a former letter of the practicability of pro-  
 curing the admission of the claim for the expenses of the Shawanese  
 expedition; to effect this, he should sent to him Gen'l Clark's letters &  
 other papers respecting them, & will return whatever is sent. Is flat-  
 tered by the Executive's assurance of assistance in the removal of diffi-  
 culties, & will regularly communicate the circumstances as they occur,  
 which in any manner may affect the important business Entrusted to  
 his care.

Decem. 5th

#### RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Address to  
 the Presi-  
 dent on In-  
 dian Hos-  
 tilities

Requesting the Executive to take the earliest opportunity of trans-  
 mitting the address of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth to  
 the President of the United States on the subject of Indian hostilities.

CHAS. HAY, Clk.

H. Brooks, clk. of Senate, certifies that the Senate agreed to this reso-  
 lution on same day.

COL. WM. DAVIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

1789.

Sir,

I omitted to mention in my last the expediency of hastening the collection from Mr. Yarbrough's district which is an important one. Should it be thought eligible to divide it, Mr. Roney, who, while a clerk in this business at Richmond, had considerable agency in arranging & preparing the papers relative to the district; would be glad to undertake part of the collection. Mr. Price too appears to have been very diligent as far as his abilities would extend, and possibly might be willing to be employed in this way again. Capt. Carrington's assistance if it can be obtained, will be preferable to either; should he not act, tho' neither of the other gentlemen may be equal to him, yet they will be both very attentive in making the enquiries pointed out, which are fully expressed in the various papers forwarded to Yarbrough.

Decem. 7th  
New York  
Collection in  
Mr. Yar-  
brough's  
district  
If divided,  
recommends  
Mr. Roney  
Mr. Price  
Captain  
Carrington

Within these few days the accession of North Carolina to the present Constitution has been announced, and public paper has appreciated with greater rapidity than before, tho' it has been rising for many months. An act of the Vermont assembly has just appeared for ascertaining the line between that State & New York, and for removing certain obstacles to the admission of Vermont into union with the United States. These are the expressions in the preamble. In the enacting clause certain persons are named with full powers to treat & establish with the New York commissioners the boundary between the two States, "and to adjust & finally determine all & every matter or thing, which in any wise obstructs a union of this State with the United States." These are their words, and as New York had sometime ago appointed Commissioners for the settlement of the line, there is no doubt here of the addition of Vermont to the Union. The Act I have quoted was passed the 23d of last October.

Decem. 7th  
Accession of  
North Caro-  
lina to the  
present con-  
stitution and  
rapid appreci-  
ation of  
public paper  
Act of Ver-  
mont assem-  
bly for ascer-  
taining the  
line between  
that state  
and New  
York with a  
view to Ver-  
mont's ad-  
mission into  
the Union

The enclosed letters to the late armorer, and to the principal contractor for the Navy, I beg leave to recommend to your Excellency's care, as they must be possessed of many valuable vouchers which Mr. Langhorne ought to collect.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with the greatest respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedt. Servt.

JAMES CRANE TO GEN'L JAMES WOOD.

Decem. 8th

He writes in behalf of one Jno. Smith, who is a wounded soldier, and had been duly examined and put on the Pension List. He has lost or mislaid his certificate, and so cannot draw his annual pension of £12.

John Smith's  
pension



1789. Sends enclosed an affidavit of Jno. Smith made before Wm. Cherry, a Decem. 8th Justice of the peace for Berkeley Co., setting forth the above facts, and requests that a Duplicate certificate may be sent him for Smith.

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Decem. 9th BENJ'N WILSON, CLERK OF COURT, TO HIS EXCELLENCY BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Harrison Co. Certifying that a sheriff's commission from the Governor, dated Oct. 16, 1789, to Jno. Powers being read to him at November court, 1789, s'd Powers came into court and said that he could not procure the security, when having taken the oath to that effect as provided by law, he was discharged, and Thomas Cheney, George Jackson, and John McCally, Gentlemen recommended for sheriff of said County.

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Decem. 10th At a Court held for Hampshire County the 10th Dec., 1789:  
Hampshire Present—Abraham Johnson, Cornelius Free, George Beall, William Co. Fox, John Mitchell, & Thomas Collins, G. J.

New justices recom- James Martin, Edward Macarty, Isaac Parsons, Virgil Meerakin, mended to be added Solomon Jones, & Jonathan Purcell, Gent., are recommended to his Excellency, the Governor, as proper persons to be added to the Commission of the Peace for this County.

Those removed The following Gents who were in the Commission of the peace for the said county, have removed since the last additional Commission in March, 1788, viz:

Samuel Dees removed to Green Brier Co'ty.

Ralph Humphries removed to the Missisipy.

Marquis Calmes removed to Kentucky.

Ovid Meerakin removed to Maryland.

Michael Cresap, William Vanse, dead.

Andrew Cooper removed to Winchester.

The following Justices remain:

Abraham Johnson qualified & acts.

Isaac Millar ditto ditto.

David Mitchell has not acted for some years, and refuses to do so. He is generally at Hagerstown, Maryland, in business.

Elias Poston, present sheriff.

Ignatius Wheeler has not acted lately; has sold his land and means to remove to Kentucky in the Spring.

Jno. J. Jacob qualified & acts sometimes; lately ordained a Methodist minister & seldom in the County.

Thomas Maccubbin, sheriff Elect, has never attended court but once since his qualification, & means very Soon to remove.

Cornelius Free qualified this present court, & and says he will act. 1789.  
 Philip Wiggins qualified—seldom attends. Decem. 10th  
 George Beall ditto acts.  
 John Mitchell, Thomas Collins, James Monroe, Okey Johnson, William Fox qualified & act.  
 John Taylor refuses to qualify.

ANDREW WOODROW,  
 Clk. Hampshire Co. Court.

## RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Decem. 10th

Resolved, that a copy of the act for the cession of ten miles square, or any lesser quantity of Territory within this State, to the United States in Congress assembled, for the permanent seat of the General Government, be transmitted to the General Assembly of Maryland without Delay, and that it be proposed to the said Assembly to unite with this Legislature in an application to congress; that in Case Congress shall deem it expedient to establish the permanent seat of the General Government of the United States on the Banks of the Potomack, so as to include the Cession of either state, or a part of the Cession of both States, the Assembly of Virginia will pass an act for advancing a sum of money not less than one hundred and twenty thousand Dollars, to the use of the General Government, and to be applied in such Manner as Congress shall direct towards erecting public Buildings. The said Assembly of Maryland on their part advancing a sum not less than three-fifths of the sum advanced by this state for the like purpose.

Act for the  
cession of  
territory for  
permanent  
seat of gov-  
ernment

On the  
Potomac

Money to be  
advanced by  
Virginia and  
Maryland  
for public  
buildings

Dec. 14th, 1789. Agreed to by the Senate.

CHAS. HAY, Clk. H. of D.  
 H. BROOKE, C. S.

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. Decem. 10th

Sir,

By desire of the President of the United States, I have to request the favor that your Excellency would be pleased to direct a map of Kentucky and the western parts of Virginia to be transmitted to this office, with the divisions of the counties marked thereon.

War office  
Requests a  
map of Ken-  
tucky and  
the western  
parts of Vir-  
ginia

The maps which are in the public possession are totally wanting in the division of the western counties, which occasions considerable perplexity in ascertaining the information of the Depredations of the Indians in that quarter.

1789. I have also taken the liberty to enclose a letter of some public consequence to Colonel Arthur Campbell, which I pray may be forwarded to him by the first opportunity.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Humble Servant.

Decem. 12th SAM'L J. CABELL, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF AMHERST COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond  
Amherst  
militia  
No power to  
hold courts  
martial, &c.  
The power  
being in-  
vested in  
Congress

Enclosing the proceedings of the Field officers & captains of the Amherst Co. Militia, declaring it their decided opinion that they have no power to hold a Court Martial or an enquiry of assessment of fines. The power of regulating the Militia by the late adopted Government being invested in Congress, and no rules relating thereto being received from the aforesaid body. He flatters himself that this action of his officers done at his suggestion, will meet with the Executive approbation when they advert to the part of the 8th section of the 1st article of the Federal Constitution respecting the Militia, and compare thereto the 11th amendment as proposed to the aforesaid part by the Convention of this State.

He is conscious that the Commencement of the lately adopted session of Government rendered null and void all state regulations of the Militia as far as respected Organization, arms, & discipline, and is aware of the powerful necessity of preserving impressions in the minds of the militia favorable to a strict adherence to our State Regulations, so far as relates to assembling & training, until Congress could form a system for the said purposes, in consequence of the Exposed situation of the Western Country to the hostile attacks of the Indians; these facts impelled him to recommend to his officers the mode of procedure as pursued as being the most likely to quiet alarm, preserve acquiescence, suppress investigation, & and render subordination cheerful. He trusts that his line of conduct will be satisfactory to the executive.

The annexed proceedings are signed by the following officers of the 1st Regiment:

First  
regiment

Sam. J. Cabell, C'ty Lieut., Will. Cabell, Jun., Lt. Col., John Loving, John Barnett, Thos. Morrison, Wm. Warwick, Stephen Watts, George Campbell, James M. Alexander.

Second  
regiment

Sam'l Higginbotham, Col. C. D., William Ware, Capt., Chas. Taliaferro, Capt., J. Stewart, Isaac Tinsley, George Phillips, Charles Ellis, Daniel Tucker, Capt., Rich'd Harrison, Henry Turner, William Horsely, Capt.

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1789.

Stating that Col. Davies desires the Auditor's books for 1785 for Decem. 12th  
warded to him. They are not journalized. Wants to know whether he  
shall send them or not.

## RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Decem. 12th

Requesting the Executive to have the same number of Acts of Con-  
gress printed as are usually printed of the acts of the General Assem-  
bly, to be distributed in like manner among the different Counties &  
Corporations; also, five hundred copies of the Journal of the House of  
Representatives to be distributed in like manner, and so many copies of  
the Senate Journal as to furnish one copy to each member of the Gene-  
ral Assembly.

Printing  
Acts of Con-  
gress, &c.

Agreed to by the Senate Dec. 4.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the letter of the  
Directors of the public buildings with their accounts, &c., through Mr.  
Edward Carrington, and agreed to by the House.

Decem. 14th  
Public build-  
ings

They report that the whole amount of funds which have been appro-  
priated to the building of the Capitol is £25,761, 13s, 4d; of this sum,  
£11,500 arose from the Treasury by votes of the General Assembly;  
£2,000 from subscriptions of the inhabitants of the city of Richmond,  
and the remainder from the sale of confiscated property in and near the  
said city. That there remains about £2,000 yet to be collected from  
said confiscated property; that the contracts heretofore made by the  
directors will consume the whole of the funds appropriated; that from  
information of the Agent, about £8,000 will still be requisite for com-  
pleting the capitol; that in addition to the work already contracted for,  
it is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the building from  
ruin, there be immediately a pediment roof put on it to be covered with  
Lead, that the Portico and General Court be paved, that the flooring be  
finished, and that some painting, plastering, and other small things be  
done; that it is necessary for the present General Assembly to provide  
£3,476 for the building of the roof, £382 for the pavement of the Portico  
and General Court, and £142 for the other purposes before mentioned—  
making in the whole £4,000, and that it will be proper to leave the  
farther completion of the Capitol to be provided for at some future  
period; that Samuel Dobie contracted with the Directors in February,  
1787, to put a flat roof on the Capitol which should be tight and dura-

The capitol

Additional  
work neces-  
sary to pre-  
serve the  
building

Roof, &amp;c.

Contract for  
flat roof with  
Sam'l Dobie

1789. Decem. 14th      ble for £170, but after much labor in honestly endeavoring to fulfil his contract, it is apprehended that it will be impracticable to make the roof a tight one, and said Dobie is willing to make a reasonable compromise on account of said contract.

Willing to compromise      Your committee think it will be proper to authorize and instruct some person or persons to adjust and settle the accounts of the Directors for the funds that have been appropriated in their hands, and for the disbursements thereof.

Authority to compromise      Resolved, that the Executive be authorized and requested to make such compromise with Sam'l Dobie on account of his contract, as to them shall seem just and reasonable.

Accounts of Directors of public buildings to be adjusted      Resolved, that the Executive be authorized and requested to cause the accounts of the Directors of public buildings for all the several appropriations heretofore made in their hands, and of the disbursement thereof, to be adjusted and settled.

Contract for lead      Resolved, that in any contract or contracts to be made by the Directors of Public buildings for Lead, the said Directors be authorized and requested to give preference to such as is the production of this Commonwealth, if the same can be procured in season at a rate not exceeding five per centum higher than other lead would cost.

Preference to Virginia lead under certain conditions      Agreed to by the Senate Dec. 19, 1789.

Decem. 14th      H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

War office      Enclosing a letter of public importance, which he wishes forwarded to Daniel Smith, Esquire, of Miro district on the Cumberland river.

Decem. 14th      RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Some person to report condition of light-house materials      Certifying to a Resolution by the House, that the Executive be requested to appoint some proper person to examine & report the situation and condition of the materials formerly provided by the State for the purpose of Erecting a lighthouse, and if deemed necessary they to be sold if expedient contract for securing the same, and be empowered to dispose of them upon such terms as to them shall appear most advantageous to the State.

CHAS. HAY, Clk.

Agreed to by the Senate.

W. H. MACON, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF NEW KENT COUNTY, TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH. 1789.

Stating that he incloses a return of the militia under his command, Decem. 14th accompanied with an account of fines imposed by the Court Martial last April, amounting to £21. 10s, Less £2 paid James Poindexter, clerk of the Court Martial, and 6s, 8d paid Richard Foster, Provost Martial. & sworn to before John Bacon on Dec. 15, 1789.

JOHN CALDWELL TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. Decem. 15th

Stating that Capt. Matt. Walton has certain certificates for Scout services, which he cannot get settled on account of some inattention of the officer who granted them, & their not being signed by the County Lieut. Those granted to Wm. Foster & Edward Robinson, & signed by Col. Jno. Harden, he knows to be just of his own knowledge; that the service was performed by the direction of the County Lt., who ordered Col. Harden to place them as he saw best for the safety of the frontier, & being in the neighborhood of Col. Harden's residence, and the certificate of any field officer within the county, was deemed sufficient to secure the pay of these scouts. The certificate of Mason McCullum was intended for a scout, and James McConnell appears to be in the same condition as McCullum. There was a dispute among the officers of the county which was the right term—Scout or Ranger; and to make it certain inserted Spy, which would answer the purpose to describe the service performed.

Richmond  
In regard to  
certain Scout  
certificates  
for pay

SAM. J. CABELL, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF AMHERST COUNTY, TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. Decem. 15th

Stating that he transmits a certificate of the oath required annually of the County Lieuts. relative to monies rec'd by them for delinquencies, &c. Upon his return to Amherst will send return of the militia. Says that he rec'd his Excellency's letter with the enclosed order of the Council, and tho' he differs with them as a member of the Assembly, yet, as a soldier, will strictly execute the militia regulations as before, conceiving himself now fully justified so to do, &c.

Richmond  
Amherst Co.  
Militia

RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Decem. 15th

Resolved, that the Executive be requested to use the most effectual means in his power to prevent the employment of unnecessary Guards

Unnecessary  
guards

1789. over the prisoners confined from time to time in the several District District jails, and to enforce the necessity of keeping the said jails in good to be kept in repair upon the courts of the Counties in which the District Courts are by the coun- holden.  
District  
courts are  
held

Agreed to by the Senate Dec. 16th, 1789.

CHAS. HAY, Ck.

Decem. 15th

CORNELIUS CONWAY TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Berkeley Co. Petition showing that he had been fined by the court Fifty pounds for shooting at George Rootes, and upon the unsupported testimony of said Rootes; that he was ready to prove that he did not do it, but that his counsel had informed him that the case had been dismissed, so he did not attend court, and had no witnesses summoned for his defence. Thinks the prosecution was malicious and the fine unreasonable. Encloses affidavits of several of his neighbors as to the facts stated by him, together with one from Arthur McCan, who deposes that he fired the gun to scare Rootes, and that it had powder only in it. Many neighbors certify to Conway's good character & peaceable disposition. The Governor is asked to relieve him of this fine, as his goods have been levied on by the sheriff, and he is in danger of great damage thereby.

Decem. 16th

PRIVY COUNCILLOR CHOSEN.

Election of member of privy council The Senate proceeded this day by joint ballot with the House of Delegates, to the choice of a member of the Privy council in place of Cyrus Griffin, resigned—Senate Committee being Mr. Nelson, Mr. Mason, Mr. Cabell, & Mr. Pope. The Committee report that the majority of votes were found in favor of John Dawson, Esq.

H. BROOKE, Clerk of Senate.

Decem. 16th THOMAS UNDERWOOD TO HIS EXCELLENCY, BEVERLY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Warrants Enclosing a petition to the Governor & Council, shewing that he has Warrants drawn on the General fund in favor of George Rogers, clerk, amounting to £903, 6s, 5d, dated July 1st, 1783, which he requests may be placed on the Agregate fund, which he thinks is agreeable to a clause in the Revenue Law passed in 1787. He states that he purchased these claims in 1784 upon the faith of a law passed then, & which placed the

claim on a Fund to be raised by a Tax of 5s. pr. Hundred acres on all lands to be patented in the Western Country, which Law was repealed by the next Assembly; since which, no funds have been assigned for the payment of his claim. He thinks that by the act of assembly, 1787, it was put into the power of the Executive to place his claim on the Agregate fund, and he has greater hopes of success, seeing that the General Government has given this State credit for the Amount of those debts, and seeing that the arrears are fully Equal to the discharge of the balance of all such claims, & so far as they are distinguished by Foreign claims, have this Session placed them on the Agregate fund. 1789. Decem. 16th

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ROBERT HARVEY TO HIS EXCELLENCY, BEVERLEY RANDOLPH AND COUNCIL. Decem. 16th

Asking to be relieved from acting as Sheriff of Botetourt County, as he is a member of the Assembly and Superint. of a furnace & forge, which occupies his whole time. He recommends Martin McFarrin, Esq., as a proper person to be appointed in his stead, who can doubtless give the security.

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THOS. HARRIS TO COLONEL SAM. COLEMAN.

No date; no place

Informing him of his great distress & poverty, with a wife & 7 small children. Has been chief armourer of the State at Williamsburg and at Fredericksburg under the Committee of Safety; thence to North Carolina, & took care of the Arms under Gen'l Green. Applied for a pension, but time had expired; wishes he would put him to work under Major Langham at Point of Fork.

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CAPTAIN THOS. LILLY TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Decem. 17th

Informing him that his schooner (Donald) went ashore on Staten Island in a gale of wind on the night of the 26th November, loosing his whole cargo of Tobacco, barley, & flaxseed. Is in a distressing condition, & would be glad to have about 300 Dollars; wants Col. Thos. Randolph & Col. N. Burwell, of Carter's grove, informed. The schooner is nearly repaired, and will be as good as ever.

New York  
Schooner  
Donald  
ashore



1789. J. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO HIS EXCELLENCY, BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Decem. 17th Enclosing public letters for Kentuckey, which he desires to be sent—  
they having no Established mode of Conveyance to that district.

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Decem. 17th J. MADISON TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR.

Williams-  
burg Enclosing by order of the Directors of the Insane Hospital, the names  
of persons from whom to fill three vacancies in the Directory, occasioned  
by the death of Thos. Nelson & the resignations of Jno. Dixon & Henry  
Tazewell. He sends the names of Jno. Byrd, Jas. Southall, Benj'n C.  
Waller, Robt. Greenhow, and Champion Travis.

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Decem. 17th J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Expence of  
expeditions  
against  
Shawnese  
and Wabash  
Indians Stating that Col. Davies has requested him to furnish an account of  
the expence of the two expeditions against the Shawanese & Wabash  
Indians. He finds that the account is comprised in an acct. made up by  
order of the Executive of the Expence incurred by this State in defend-  
ing the Western Frontier since the Cession to Congress; a duplicate of  
which acct. is enclosed to the Executive & to be transmitted if they  
think proper.

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Decem. 18th SINKING FUND.

Sinking fund Copy of a Report from the Committee appointed to examine the state  
of the Sinking fund in conjunction with a Committee from the Senate.  
Mr. Corbin reports as follows:

Amount fur-  
nished to  
fund by the  
treasurer Your Committee find that the sum £15,218, 12s hath been furnished  
by the Treasurer on account of the Sinking fund; that out of the  
monies thus advanced, there has been purchased and received the fol-  
Military cer-  
tificates lowing public securities, viz: Final settlements to the amt. of £27, 6s, 9d;  
Military inter-  
est war-  
rants Military certificates including a surplus military certifi. for £59,358,  
Loan office 17s, 6d; Sixth year's Interest warrants on Loan office certificates for  
certificates £103, 1s, 2d; Military Interest warrants for £11, 6s, 6d; Loan office cer-  
tificates for £1,725, 0s, 3d; Contingent fund warrants for £32, 17s, 9d;  
Indents drawn on Final settlements for £485, 19s, 4d; Seventh year's  
Military Interest warrants for £148, 11s, 10d; funded certificates for  
£67, 17s, 1d.

Your Committee also find that there is on hand belonging the said fund £3,386, 9s, 0½d in specie, and that the nett sum of £63,208, 18½s in Decem. 18th public securities has been made since the establishment of the said fund up to the nineteenth of October last, as will more fully appear by the General accounts hereto annexed.

1789.

Funded certificates

But your Committee beg leave further to observe that exclusively of the £3,386, 9s, 0½d specie, there are public and other securities in hand for Tobacco sold, and monies advanced conditionally under the directions of the Executive to the amount of £13,079, 18s. 1d. specie value; these advances have been made upon deposits of public securities, at a price something lower than the market price, with a condition annexed, that unless they should be redeemed before the first day of January, 1790, by repaying the money so advanced upon them, with an interest thereon at the rate of five per centum per annum, they should become the property of the Sinking fund. These deposits your Committee must observe in justice to the caution and prudence of the Agent, are more than sufficient to cover the monies so by him advanced under the authority of the Executive. But they beg leave with deference to represent that the mode of lending money at five per centum per annum on depreciated public securities, which bear an interest of six per centum, is highly disadvantageous to the state, since it receives only five per centum from the loan of specie, whilst it is paying six per centum on paper that sells in the market for only between five and six shillings in the pound. The Executive were, no doubt, induced to authorize the Agent to advance monies in this manner on these deposits, with an expectation that they never would be redeemed, and that the sinking fund in this case would be enriched by the conditional purchase of public securities at the rate of four and five shillings in the pound; but your Committee conceive that a little reflection will prove these expectations to be delusive, since it will seldom or never happen that those who borrow money from the sinking fund as deposits will suffer them to be forfeited, whilst they are in a state of appreciation, and whilst the said borrowers are annually receiving an Interest of six per centum on the nominal value of the said deposits, and only paying five per centum per annum for the loan of actual specie.

Interest at 5 per cent.

Your committee beg leave further to represent that this practice appears to them to defeat the main purposes of the Sinking fund, since the holders of public securities will never dispose of them whilst they can procure money to answer their pressing demands upon such advantageous terms. These are the ideas, that a theoretical view of the subject has suggested to your Committee, which, tho' experience may prove them to be fallacious, it was nevertheless their duty to state to the house. Your Committee think that the business relative to the said fund has been transacted by the Agent thereof with accuracy and fidelity and with advantage to the public, but they cannot help expressing

1789. their wishes that the Executive had directed the monies in the said  
Decem. 18th fund to have been appropriated altogether to actual and not conditional  
purposes.

Whereupon, on a motion made,

Resolved, that the Executive be requested to direct the Agent of the sinking fund to apply the monies appropriated to the said fund solely to the actual, and not conditional purchase of the public securities of this Commonwealth or of the United States, bearing an interest of six per centum, and to no other purpose whatsoever.

Agreed to by the Senate Dec. 19th, 1789.

CHAS. HAY, Clk H. of D.

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Decem. 19th WM. HARTSHORNE, TREASURER OF THE POTOWMACK COMPANY. TO THE  
HONORABLE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF STATE.

Alexandria      Petition of said Company, shewing that some time ago they made a  
Potomac      demand of five pounds on each share subscribed to this undertaking, to  
Co.'s      be paid on or before 15th of Nov'r last, and in reliance of its payment  
demands for      many contracts have been made necessary to the Conduct of the busi-  
5 pounds per      ness; that they have applied to the Treasurer of the State for the  
share      amount, but were informed by him that there was no money in the fund  
                 appropriated to this business; that they are advised that the Gov'r with  
                 the assent of the Council, has the power to authorize the Treasurer to  
                 pay the said Sum of money out of some fund in which there is money  
                 sufficient for the purpose; that they relied on the punctual payment by  
                 the State of its proportion, and hope that the Treasurer may be author-  
                 ized to pay the aforesaid demand.

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Decem. 19th      Resolution of the House of Delegates, and agreed to by the Senate on  
                 same day, directing the Executive to forward certain petitions claiming  
                 Payment for military services to the proper Federal officers, viz: claims  
                 of Isham Medlock, John McLoghlin, Bernard Stovall, Johnson Crows,  
                 John Lennum, Thomas Wishart, Thomas Walch, Paul Shry, William  
                 Carter, John Bridges, Anderson Bryant, William Flood, Thomas Pope,  
                 Sumner Hosier, Andrew McCreery, William Grimes, David Owen, and  
                 David Woods, with the earnest wish of the General Assembly that the  
                 claims be enquired into and paid, if they be found just and right.

AUGUSTINE DAVIS TO ARCHIBALD BLAIR, ESQ.

1789.

Offering to print 2000 copies of the Laws, at £12. 10s per sheet, being Decem. 19th  
 £3. 9s. 6d. per sheet less than was allowed last session, and which on Offer for public  
 account of the marginal notes, will be attended with more trouble & printing  
 labour. The difference in price being made on acc't of the Extensive-  
 ness of the Job. 500 Journals of the Lower House at £2. 15s per  
 sheet; and 200 of the Journals of the Senate at 40s per sheet. The  
 whole to be completed by the time the Laws of the present session are  
 ready.

COL. WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Decem. 20th

Sir,

The issues of arms and other military stores from the public maga- New York  
 zine by Mr. Maupin, of Williamsburg, appear to have been very con- In regard to  
 siderable, but the only Evidence I have as yet obtained, goes no farther the issues of  
 than to prove the purchase of these stores, the delivery of them to Mr. arms, &c.,  
 Maupin, and that the militia were often in service, and the regular from public  
 troops armed; altho' this is presumptive evidence, I would willingly lie magazine  
 procure more direct proof, which I hoped Mr. Langhorne would have at Williams-  
 obtained, but as he has not, I have addressed the enclosed to Mr. Mau- burg  
 pin on the subject. Mr. Boush appears to have been keeper of the public  
 naval store; whether he ever accounted for his issues, I cannot say;  
 but I suppose not, as there seems to have been no office which took up  
 that kind of business. He lives in Mr. Yarbrough's district, but as I do  
 not know whether Mr. Yarbrough has engaged in the collection of  
 vouchers or not, I have thought it the most certain expedient to write  
 to Mr. Boush on the subject. Anything from your Excellency on this  
 business will have weight, and stimulate the various agents to afford all  
 the information they are able at so late a day.

The Commissioners of the board of three have consented that the  
 charges founded on vouchers of reception, may be sustained by vouchers  
 of delivery, altho' they may not individually apply; a liberality of con-  
 struction which I conceive will be productive of infinite advantage of  
 our claims.

I am Sir, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedt. Servt.

J. Pendleton certifies that he has administered to the Honbl. John Decem. 21st  
 Dawson, & the Honl. Jno H. Briggs, the oaths required to be taken by Henrico Co.  
 members of the Privy Council, and the oath required by an Act of Con- Privy  
 gress. council

1789. T. POSEY, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Decem. 21st Enclosing return of the Militia, together with arms & ammunition of  
 Fredericks- Spotsylvania County for 1789. Will make returns of fines as soon as  
 burg the Sheriff makes his report to him.

Decem. 21st MEMORANDUM FROM AUDITOR'S OFFICE IN CASE OF JOSEPH LEIPLONG.

Jos. Leiplong Suppose the distance from Richmond to Cross Creek to be 280									
miles at 6d,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£7, 0s.
5 day's detention at 10s,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2, 10
Ferriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
									<hr/> 9, 14
Received,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,
									<hr/> £1, 14s.

Decem. 22d GEORGE CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,  
 Richmond I Receiv'd your Excellencie's letter, dated 20th of August last, on  
 Order of the twenty-seventh day of the same month, with which was Inclos'd an  
 June 1st Extract from the Records of the Executive, dated the first day of June  
 No longer necessary for the State to pay the troops last, Informing me that It became no longer necessary for the State at  
 the State to pay the troops her Own Expence to pay the Troops Called into service; and also a  
 Indian Copy of two letters from the President of the United States on the  
 affairs subject of Indian affairs. I find from the Extract Inclos'd, as well as  
 To discharge all the Scouts & Rangers by me Ordered into Service, which  
 all scouts and rangers orders I am Shure will not be Exacted of me, as I am willing to be  
 Orders not received till August 27th upon Oath that I never Either Receiv'd or heard of them until the  
 aforesaid twenty-seventh day of August.

I also find from your Excellencie's letter and the said Extract from the Hon'ble Board. That they were dissatisfied at my Conduct In Continuing more Rangers than a Serg't and twelve men. "Having acknowledged the Receipt of your Excellencie's letter to that Effect," and altho' I was told in said letter that from the Representation of the Murders and thefts committed on our frontier by me stated, that your Hon'ble Board ware of Opinion that the said Serg't and twelve men

were Sufficient; Yet I find In the subsequent clause that I was directed To Inform the Executive from time to time the precise number I found necessary to Call into Service, which very clearly demonstrated to me that In Case actual Invasion or very Eminent danger appeared, that the Executive allow'd me to Exercise In some measure a Discretionary power; In which situation your Excellencie's letter found me, for from the time that I had the Honor to address the Hon'ble Board and the Receipt of your orders, they Indians had Committed many Hostilities, Insomuch that If I had not Receiv'd your orders for a Diminution of the number, I should from my Gen'l orders been Induced to Augment them; therefore I trust that your Excellency & the Hon'ble Board will Reconsider my case, for in my opinion it is an Extream hard one, For while on the one hand I viewed with every aw and Respect your Excellencie's orders, I Beheld on the other the distressed Situation of a Defenceless frontier, who look to me for protection; and Beg leave to mention that a smaller number than what was Realy In Service would have Answered no valuable purpose, as the people are very much disperced In their Situation, and the Frontier Exceedingly Extensive, which will more fully appear from the Representation of the Hon'ble James Wood, well acquainted with the Geography of that County; which Information I am Confident he will give on this ocaation.

I Beg leave further to Represent that since the discharge of the said Scouts & Rangers, which was in three days after I Recev'd your Excellencie's orders—they being for the most part One Hundred miles distant from me at that time—That the Indians have killed a man In Kanawha, took a Boy of about sixteen prisoner, and a negro man and somewhere between twenty and thirty head of horse creatures; And Since I arriv'd at this place I am Inform'd by Colo. And'w Lewis, of Botetourt, that they have killed young Daniel Boon, And took his Father, old Colo. Boon, prisoner. I fear this news Is true, as the Circumstances that accompany the information gives Credit to it.

I beg pardon for taking up so much of your Excellencie's time, and that of the Hon'ble Members, And have only to add that whatever aspect my conduct may Represent, I did for the best.

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect & Esteem,

Your Excellencie's Obt. & very H'ble Sevt.

N. B. Inclos'd is the pay Roll of the Rangers, the appointment of the Scouts and time of their service, and the amount of expences Incur'd the present year, together with the Recommendation of Officers, &c., In Kanawha County; An Answer to which, I wait the determination of your Hon'ble Board.

1789.

Decem. 23d

Wishes his  
case recon-  
sidered

Indian hos-  
tilities since  
discharge of  
scouts, &c.

Man killed

Boy taken  
prisoner

Horses  
stolen

Young Dan'l

Boon killed

Old Col.

Boon

prisoner

Pay-roll of  
rangers in-  
closed, &c.

1789.

JOHN FITZGERALD TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Decem. 23d Enclosing an address to the people, by a committee appointed at Alexandria George Town and Alexandria, setting forth the peculiar advantages possessed by the Potomac river and its Tributaries, as the safest, most direct, and cheapest route from the western Country, for its produce to the sea, and being about the centre of the union, offers the most eligible site somewhere on its banks, for the permanent seat of the Federal Government. The address is very able and exhaustive, and signed by Robert Peter, George Walker, Bernard O'Neill, Benjamin Stoddert, William Deakins, Jun., George Gilpin, John Fitzgerald, Charles Simms, David Stuart, and Robert T. Hooe.

Decem. 23d

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Auditor's office Report Issued to Scouts & Rangers for services in the year '88, & for Rations since 26th Octo., '89, £771, 9s, 9d.

Decem. 23d

J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Treasurer's report	Specie in the Treasury on the 23d Dec., 1789, - -	£7,149, 13s, 10d.
	Deduct for warrants to Scouts & Rangers up to the 26th Octo., 1789; registered warrants unpaid; members & officers of Assembly unpaid, - - -	2,000, 0 0
	Remains. - - -	£5,149, 13s, 10d.

Decem. 23d

JAS. JONES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond Opinion in regard to the law appropriating the public revenue I am informed that the last act of Assembly for the appropriation of the public Revenue is not in force until some time in March next. This I assert from information, for I have not seen the Suspending Law. I am inclined therefore to think, that while the last act is suspended, the former one must operate; by the fifth section of which, the Executive may direct the treasurer to borrow out of any of the funds, for the purposes therein specified.

I am Sir, respectfully,  
Yr. Most ob. Serv.

BEVERLY RANDOLPH TO JAMES INNES.

1789.

Sir,

I send you the act concerning a new Edition of Laws spoken of in your letter above, which does not in the opinion of the Executive, in any manner interfere with the question stated to you yesterday. We therefore will thank you to favour us with your opinion upon it now.

No date  
Sends the  
Act spoken  
of above

I am respectfully,  
Yr. h'ble Servt.

JAS. INNES TO THE GOVERNOR.

No date

Sir,

Upon perusing the act you sent me, I am the more confirmed in the opinion given on the other side of this sheet.

More con-  
firmed in his  
opinion

I am respectfully sir,  
Yr. most obt. servt.

JAMES INNES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 23d

Sir,

When I sent my opinion yesterday on the question submitted by the Executive, I had not seen the act concerning a new Edition of the Laws, &c., and when thro' y'r means I had an opportunity of giving it a momentary survey, the last clause of it escaped my notice. I discover that the last act for appropriating the public revenue has been in force since the date of its passage. By adverting to the sixth section of that Law, I have no doubt but that the Legislature, by omitting to mention the warrants issued to Scouts and Rangers, among the other papers in the said clause contained, for which the Executive in cases of certain deficiencies are empowered to make a provision by Loan, must have intended to exclude them from the benefit of such provision.

Richmond  
Changes his  
opinion

Thinks that  
warrants to  
scouts and  
rangers are  
excluded  
from the pro-  
visions of the  
act

I have the honor to be respectfully,  
Sir, y'r most obt. Servt.

Dec. 24th, 1789.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 23d

Enclosing the acct. of expenses in forward'g Executions & notices previous to last court, for balance of which £74, 8s, 8d, he asks an order to the Auditor.

Richmond



1789. THOMAS UNDERWOOD TO THE GENTLEMEN IN COUNCIL.

Decem. 24th    Calling their attention to the fact (when his petition lately offered is  
 Claim        under consideration), that his claim stood charged on a branch of the  
 Revenue Law in 1784, and continued so till the Tax under that law was  
 repealed, when he was left without any fund except his claim, can be  
 put on the Aggregate Fund, which he thinks the Executive Authorized  
 to do, as all similar claims have been so placed, & as the State cannot be  
 injured he hopes his claim will be so arranged. Says that the only dis-  
 tinction between his claim & Bosserans, Carbinces & Co., is that they are  
 foreigners and Gen'l Clark a native.

Decem. 24th    A. HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Treasury        Sir,  
 department    I have been duly honored with your favors of the 28th of November  
 & 5th of December, with their inclosures, And I beg leave to make my  
 acknowledgments for the attention which has been paid to their early  
 transmission. I presume in the account transmitted, the Arrears of In-  
 terest have been added to the principal; should the contrary be the  
 case, permit me to request that a statement of those arrears, if any  
 exist, may be forwarded as speedily as possible.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Sir,  
 Your ob't & hbl. Serv't.

Decem. 24th    COL. WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

New York    Stating that he had received his letter of the 8th instant, with en-  
 closures, and a packet of papers by Mr. Beckley, who informs him  
 that he was desired to take charge of a box of papers for him, but not  
 being entered in time at the Stage office; it remains still at Mr. Blair's.  
 The box brot on by Mr Griffin had safely arrived, and contents properly  
 applied. Regrets the delay of the other box, especially as the commis-  
 sioners limit him to a short period for the introduction of vouchers.  
 Thanks his Excellency for referring him to the files of Congress & the  
 war office for information on many subjects sought from the Executive.  
 This resource had not escaped him, but he looked on the papers in the  
 publick offices under Congress, as vouchers already presented, and from  
 that circumstance all benefit from them already secured to the State.  
 Thinks that the returns from the Southern army are in every respect,

less exact and complete than those from the Northern. Will postpone recurrence to those offices till the period of bringing in vouchers expires. He is surprised at the difficulty among the collectors about milage. Thinks nothing could be easier or more simple, than to make Enquiry in Each County, whether any officers or men from it went to South Carolina; for instance, in the spring of 1779, to join Gen'l Lincoln; or to North Carolina, in the spring of 1781, to join Gen'l Greene, & so, with respect to other calls of the militia. Collectors should not depend entirely on Commandants of Counties for this information, but apply to the parties themselves as they find them, & so obtain the fullest and most satisfactory information. Cites the case of his Excellency, to show the ease with which the desired facts may be obtained, by application to those who were personally acting in them. Wishes his Excellency to have the information concerning his militia command properly certified, & give the computed distance of the march of the militia of his three Counties, from their several Court-Houses to High-Rockford, & to Ramsay's mills on Deep River, & of the greatest number composing his command at any one time. Mr. Duncomb denies receiving from the Auditor's office the papers mentioned in Mr. Pendleton's certificate. Thinks it probable that no other settlement has been made at Auditor's office, than for the disbursements of money, but none for stores, which account is wanting. Capt. Thomas, who directed the Rope walk, is dead. Probably Col. Thos. Newton can obtain all his public papers from his representatives, in relation to supplies from the Rope walk for the galleys, public cruising vessels, & for other naval or military defence. If Mr. Yarbrough would make the application, it would be much better, and save Col. Newton that trouble. Is led to suppose from his Excellency's letter that Mr. Yarbrough's place has been substituted by Major Williams. He knows Major W. to be a man of ability, diligence, and honesty. Not knowing of the substitution of Williams, & feeling unhappy at the disappointment which has taken place, in that district, he says that he in a letter of a later date, recommended a division of the district, and the appointment of Mr. Roney & Mr. Price, giving to one, the counties to which Col. Newton was formerly district commissioner, and to the other, those which Yarbrough himself formerly superintended in that character. Hopes that this business will be arranged as speedily as possible, and so avoid injurious delays. Suggests that Mr. Gressit Davis of Petersburg, as a proper person to engage to state and authenticate the supplies & services of every kind, obtained by George Elliot for war purposes, & which were not paid for by the Continent. Thinks the amount will be immense. Has applied more than once to Davis, but being rather a mercenary man, wished for engagements he had no power to make.

Will draw on 1st day January next, upon the Governor for his account, which will then be due, & concludes that there is no living in this Expensive place without money.

1789.

Decem. 24th

Returns from southern army not as complete as northern Milage

Mr. Yarbrough

Major Williams

Mr. Roney  
Mr. PriceGressit  
Davies

1789. J. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO CAPTAIN THOMAS HOLT.

Decem. 24th Ordering him to deliver to the order of his Excellency, Governor  
Gunpowder Randolph, 2,000 weight of Gunpowder and lead in proportion, according  
and lead to the quantity furnished by the state of Virginia to the Chicasaw  
Nation.

Decem. 27th JOHN MORTON TO HONORABLE JAMES WOOD.

Saying that he had received on last Even'g his order of the 4th Dec., and a Copy of Mr. Sam'l H. Saunders' letter; that his transactions with Saunders were as district Commissioner. Is sorry to have to contradict almost the whole of his letter. He had great difficulty in bringing him to a settlement for the public wheat in his mill, and finally succeeded in getting his bond, which he promised to pay in a short time; he has never paid a shilling; had waited on him about two years. The last time he asked him for a settlement, he for the first time brought up the charge of the flour barrels, which of course I could not allow, but referred him to the Executive. Thinks this charge a trumped up one. Is now very unwell with the general disorder that prevails through the county, but as soon as he can ride, will carry out his Excellency's orders to him.

Decem. 29th THE JAMES RIVER COMPANY TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Broad Rock The James River Comp'y at their last meeting on the 26th instant,  
Calling for Resolved that their should be paid the sum of Fifteen pounds on  
£15 on each each share at three payments for the expenses of the ensuing year, and  
share from the present situation of the Canal, we have the flattering prospect  
Flattering of making very considerable progress in this business the ensuing year.  
prospects of We are now taking measures for Carrying on the Work with vigour.  
the canal We shall therefore be much obliged to your Excellency for a Warrant  
on the Treasurer for the sum pay'ble by the Common Wealth agreeably  
to the said Requisition, that we may use it from time to time as the  
money may be needed.

As Directors, We are, Sir,  
Your humble Servants,

JOHN HARVIE,  
DAVID ROSS,  
WM. FOUSHEE.

## JOHNNY SCOTT TO THE EXECUTIVE.

1789.

Certifying as Justice of the peace that Benjamin Johnson, Lt. Col. of Decem. 31st the militia, made oath before him that he never yet had received any Orange Co. monies into his hands by virtue of his office.

## JOHN AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 31st

Sir,

There appears to be at this time in the Treasury belonging to the several funds, £5,210, 16s, 11d, specie. Several of the members, the officers, and expences of assembly still remain unpaid; the sum of £1,200 is also to be reserved for the senators and Delegates to the Continental Congress, and probably some other specific payments ordered which have not yet come to my knowledge. It will require some time to post up the accounts of the several funds, whereby alone the specie belonging to each can be ascertained.

Treasurer's  
office  
Report of  
specie in the  
treasury

I am with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obed. Serv't.

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Stating that the County Lieuts. of the following counties had made returns of their militia strength since last report, and are duly entered in the General Return, viz: Nottoway, New Kent, Rockingham, Essex, Fayette, Washington, Prince Edward, Louisa, Amelia, Augusta, Richmond, Northampton, Orange, Surry, Charlotte, Spotsylvania, Nansemond, Caroline, & Shenandoah; County Lieuts. of Dinwiddie, Mecklenburg, Halifax, Isle of Wight, Henrico, Richmond, & Amherst have made oath that they have received no fines or other monies by virtue of their office. C'ty Lieut. of New Kent acknowledges on oath a balance of muster fines in his hands of £19, 3s, 4d, and the C'y Lieut. of Nansemond acknowledges the reception of £46, 10s, 0d. for fines, &c., but brings the County in his debt the sum of £52, 9s, 6d for clothing furnished the light Infantry of said County to the amt. of £98, 19s, 6d. This being the first charge of this nature which has been made, but is justified by the militia Law. The C'y Lieut. of Charles City has resigned.

January 1st  
Militia  
returns

1790.

THOMAS PARKER TO ———.

January 2d Giving an account of vouchers collected in district No. 7, for Beeves, Bacon, Corn, Tobacco, &c., in favor of King George, Lancaster, Accomack, Northumberland counties, and reporting his inability to obtain information from Richmond, Westmoreland, & King George counties on account of the death of the Commiss'r, loss of papers, &c. Upon the return of Rich'd Henry Lee, County Lt. of Westmoreland, thinks he will be able to obtain some satisfactory information respecting the different drafts.

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January 4th Act of the second session of Congress (printed), for regulating the  
New York Military Establishment of the United States. The number of Non-  
Military Commissioned officers, privates, and musicians to be 1,216, and shall  
Establishment of the serve 3 years, unless previously discharged by law. They shall be able-  
ment of the bodied, not under 5 f't 6 inches high without shoes, not under 18 nor  
United States above 46 years of age.

Then come full instructions as to the officers to command the troops; the formation into one regiment of infantry to consist of three battalions and one battalion of artillery, &c., &c., pay and subsistence, &c.

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January 4th Act of Congress at its second session to Enable the officers and sol-  
New York diers of the Virginia Line on Continental establishment to obtain titles  
Bounty to certain Lands lying Northwest of the river Ohio, between the little  
lands to offi- Miami and Sciota.  
cers and  
soldiers of  
Virginia line

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January 4th

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

In relation to certain charges of interest claimed on Oliver Pollock's bill of Exchange for \$3,278 (silver), drawn on Messrs. Penet, DuCosta, Freres & Co., of Nantes in France, & purchased by Michael Perreau, of New Orleans.

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January 5th

HARRY HETH TO ———.

Public  
Tobacco

Transcript from sales of public Tobacco from 9th November to 26th Dec'r, 1789, inclusive, being 297 Hogsheads, and amount'g to £3,107, 3s, 9d, prices ranging from 13½ to 20s.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Stating that James Herren, of Norfolk borough, offered this morning January 6th to pay a bond given by Moses Myers and James Douglass, of said Borough, for £502, with military certificates, the Interest to the 1st Instant drawn. He wishes to know the Executive's opinion in regard to accepting this offer. This transaction seems to have arisen from the public sale of the State's boats, Liberty and Patriot, with their guns, rigging, & apparel, a whale boat and searcher's boat; all of which appear to have been offered at Maxwell's wharf for sale by George Kelly.

WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

January 6th

Informing him that the Directors of the Public buildings have contracted with Moses, Austin & Co., to cover the roof of the Capitol with lead; also with Dabney Minor to furnish the materials and do the wooden work; also with Andrew Hosie and James Kerney to pave the General Courtroom and the Portico. They will require some advances. Some little plastering and painting, and finishing the flooring are also necessary to be done; they have agreed to advance Austin & Co. £600 upon their executing the contract & giving bond and Security for its performance—£300 will answer for the other purposes named. The contractors agree to receive the balance out of the arrears of taxes of 1788 & the surplus of the Tobacco duties, unless when the work is finished they prove unproductive; in which case, it would be reasonable to borrow from some other fund. He desires the Governor to lay this matter before the Executive Board, that the measures may be taken for raising the amounts named, so that the work may be hastened as rapidly as possible.

M. ANDERSON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

January 6th

Enclosing sundry affidavits stating that from the evidence, James, (negro slave of Jno. Lawson, tried for robbery, and condemned by the Gloucester Court on Nov. 2d, 1789,) did not come within the law against forcible entry and robbery, by putting person or persons in bodily fear. Nobody was in the house at the time, and no locks were broken. Thinks he has suffered sufficiently—being naked, chained to the floor, his flesh worn by the irons, and his coffin kept steadily in his view. Prays for a pardon absolutely, or a reprieve till the facts in Evidence Can be stated & presented to the Executive.

Gloucester Co.

Negro slave James

1790.

January 7th

GEO. ROBERTSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Chesterfield County Certifying that Edw'd Archer, the Inspector of Tobacco at Jno. Bolling's warehouse, died on the 3d inst., and that Mr. Jno. Rowlett was appointed a ½ Inspector, & wishes now to have a com's as ½ Inspector. Tobacco Inspectors Says that Mr. Rowlett Gill comes as security for Mr. Wm. Rowlet, and thinks him sufficient.

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January 7th Certificates of sundry persons in the case of Jno. Morton, District Powhatan Commis'r against Saml. H. Saunders, a miller of Powhatan Co., who claims a credit for a certain number of flour barrels that he alleges were furnished the public by him during the war, and for which he had never been paid; and which Morton declined to allow him for in the settlement made with him, giving as his reason, that he had no authority to allow it, but promising if he would close the matter, & give his bond, that he, Morton, would see that the claim should be properly presented to the Executive. This he has failed to do, & has brought suit and obtained a judgment against Saunders for the bond. These certificates indicate that Saunder's mill books and accounts were accurately kept, and evidently seem to show that his claim was a reasonable one.

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January 8th GEO. BIRD, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Middlesex Militia Enclosing a General return of the militia of Middlesex County for 1789, with arms & accoutrements, being 1 Regt., 1 C'ty Lt., 1 Col., 1 Lt. Col., 1 Major, 3 Capts., 3 Lieuts., 3 Ensigns, 12 Serjts., 1 Drummer, 1 fifer, 249 Effective men, 80 good muskets, 41 bad, 14 good swords, 1 good spontoon.

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January 9th

WM. ESKRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Frederick Informing him that the business entrusted to him lies in such distant & remote places, he fears he will not be able to furnish it by the time required by Col. Davies. Will however, use every exertion, & get it finished as soon as possible.

HARRY HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Enclosing memorandum of am't of Sales of Public Tobacco from 1st January 9th Feb., 1789 to the 26th December, being 2,989 Hhds., amounting to £31.498, 2s, 1d, also an account of his travelling expenses to the different Warehouses, & incidental expenses of his agency from Mch 2d, 1789, to Dec. 26th, being £39, 9s, 2d.

Sales of Tobacco  
Agency expenses

CAPE HENRY LIGHT-HOUSE ACCOUNT WITH BASSETT MOSELEY, CLERK January 9th AND TREASURER.

From Feb. 25th, 1774, to Sept. 22d, 1777, amounting to £8,113, 4s, 4d., Norfolk with a certificate from Thomas Newton, Jr., one of the Commiss'rs, Cape Henry that he had examined said account with a book kept by s'd Moseley, Lighthouse and found them to correspond.

HARRY HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 10th

Hopes that he will excuse him for writing on business on Sunday, but Mr. Scott leaves in the stage to-morrow, he thinks it necessary to have his advice. He offers 17s. specie, or 19s. Half cash, &  $\frac{1}{2}$  War for 150 to 200 Hhds. of Rappah'k and upper Powtomack Tob'o. This is the best offer he has ever had for that quality. Mr. Scott will take no Tobacco inspected prior to the year 1789.

Richmond  
Mr. Scott  
His offers for tobacco

ARMISTEAD LONG TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Jan. 11th

Enclosing a detailed Statement of his proceedings as a collector of vouchers for District No. 6, composed of the 8 large Counties, to-wit: Prince William, Stafford, Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudoun, Fairfax, Spotsylvania, & Orange, and asking a proper allowance for his services, &c.

Richmond

GEO. CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH AND THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Jan. 13th

Desiring that they would examine the Enclosed papers, and report to him (that he may inform the holders), What measures are to be pursued regarding them; also, offering to take out any public papers the Executive may have for Greenbrier or Kanawha.

Richmond



1790. SAM'L SHEPARD AND J. CARTER, JR., (CLERKS IN PUBLIC OFFICES), TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 13th Asking permission to occupy one of the Committee rooms of the Richmond Capitol during the recess of the Assembly. The difficulty of procuring lodging contiguous to the offices, (which seems to be the wish of Mr. Pendleton), induces them to make this application.

The above letter was sent to Gen'l Wood by the Governor (he being indisposed) in council, with the remark that he thought great caution should be used in admitting any person to lodge in the Capitol. Thinks that similar requests were refused when the public buildings were far less valuable than the Capitol; would like to have his advice upon the subject at the Board.

Jan. 13th

JAMES WOOD, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Richmond Reports that in obedience to the advice of Council of the 17th ultimo, he had visited Cape Henry in order to ascertain the present situation of the materials placed on the head-land of the Cape for the purpose of erecting a Light-House. He discovered from the books of the Commiss'r, and also from information of Col. Thos. Newton (one of them), that Virginia & Maryland had appointed the same commiss'rs; that they had rec'd from Virginia £3,418, 7s, 10½d, and from Maryland £2,489, 16s, 5½d, which sums were expended for stone, fr't to the Cape, Cartage to the spot which was intended for the sight of the Light-house, and other necessary expenses. Found the quantity of stone on the spot about 4,036 Tons, which was supposed to be sufficient for an octagon Light-House 72 ft high, diameter at base 26 ft, 9 inches, and at top 16 feet, 6 inches; walls to be 6 feet thick at the base, and 3 feet thick at the top; foundation to be 13 feet deep; the building to be divided into seven stories, besides the Lantern.

The Stone was purchased at a quarry on Rappahannock river at seven shillings the perch—Each perch estimated to weigh 3,004 lbs., fr't averaged 13s, 6d. per ton, and cartage to the spot fixed on for erecting the Light-House 6s, 2½d, so that Each ton stood the public where it now lies, 24s. 4d, Virginia Currency. Thinks that the same stone could not now be purchased and landed at high water on the Cape for less than 20s. per ton. There were 150 Hhd. of Lime placed with the stone, but they appear to have been Carried off, or rendered useless by the Hhds. falling to pieces, or being buried under the sand.

The Commissioners estimated the whole necessary expenses of building the Light-house, dwelling-house, and Eight buoys to be placed in

the Chesapeake at £13,000, Virginia currency. Thinks that nothing at present can be counted on but the stone. The bnoys were provided by this state, but the copper was afterwards converted to other state purposes. The whole of the stone is covered by drifting sand 20 to 50 feet deep, & the digging out will probably amount to half its value in expense. He declined making any contract for recovering the stone, as it is not known whether the General Government will build with stone; thinks that an immediate attempt should be made to dispose of it to the Government as it now stands, or recovered from the sand, which Ever should be thought the more advisable.

1790.  
Jan. 13th

Wm. Clayton, clerk of New Kent Co. Court, certifies that William H. Macon, high sheriff of this county, came into court and gave notice that he intended to resign his commission at the next February Court.

Jan. 14th  
New Kent  
Co.

JAMES GORDON, JAMES TAPSCOTT, AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR. Jan. 16th

A memorial asking pardon for James, a negro man slave, of Joseph Shearman, tried at a court of Oyer and Terminer for sheep stealing, on Jan. 16th, 1790, convicted and sentenced to be hung. This slave being young, and his first offence, besides the evidence in their opinion not warranting the rigor of the sentence.

Lancaster  
Co.

THOS. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE POTOMAC COMPANY, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. Jan. 16th

Informing him that Col. Gilpin, one of the Directors and Mr. James Smith, their manager, last July & August, surveyed the river from Tide water to the mouth of Savage, connecting their work with former surveys, which had been carefully made; from the whole of which the charter plan accompanying this has been formed, and which they are satisfied is accurate. These gentlemen have no doubt that navigation will be extended to the mouth of Savage, & think it may at considerable expense, be connected with the western waters, several of which, they visited and examined. Inland navigation is now constantly performed by Batteaux of ten tons burthen, and upwards, from East Cumberland, and a considerable distance within the South Branch to the Great Falls, within nine miles of Tide water, the boats returning on an average of twenty miles a day. The navigation has already become useful. The falls at Shenandoah which had never been passed, are now rendered

1790. safe and easy. They now require but little labor to put them in the state they are designed to be left. Seneca Falls are completed, as well as the Canal at the Great Falls, where the Company's force is now employed preparing seats for the Locks. Detached rocks in some places must be blown, & shallows deepened by narrowing or obstructing the current, which is all that remains necessary to be done above the Great Falls to the mouth of the savage. They expect to accomplish this in one favorable season. It will require some time to cut the Canal at the Little Falls, and fix the Locks there and at the Great Falls, with the little labor necessary in the intermediate space, tho. they have no fears but the whole will be completed on as little expense and to more general benefit than was first expected.

Not being as well informed as to the navigation of the Potomack and the distances on Tide water, as the merchants & others of Alexandria & George Town, they beg leave to enclose a printed copy of their statements, which they think can be depended upon.

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Jan. 18th L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WOOD, JAMES McCLURG, AND CARTER BRAXTON, ESQ'S.

Richmond Stating that he had rec'd their letter respecting the Executive super-  
In regard to intendence of his office, the necessity of their being furnished with a  
the books, state of the books kept, & of all papers properly coming in and deposited  
&c., kept in in his office. He says that originally no books were intended to be  
Solicitor's kept in this office, but finding it impracticable for the public books to be  
office always posted so as to ascertain an exact balance due from any public debtor, he was compelled to make use of temporary ones for the sheriffs, to aid him in forming the accounts preparing for Judgments. These books have in course of time become useful in finally adjusting the accounts, & the books in the Auditor's office will be Closed from them; after which, they will be of very little Consequence. Considerable difficulties have arisen from the want of similar books for Every other species of Public debtors, in proceeding against Inspectors, clerks, and naval officers; he has waived it, hoping to ascertain the balances from the several collectors by the Auditor's books previous to March, 1787, which are now in this office, and he hopes nearly effected.

The papers properly coming into this office now, are the Returns from the Tax Commissioners in the several Counties, Sheriffs & Inspectors' Bonds, with all other papers relative thereto & necessary for obtaining judgments, & pursuing them to the recovery of the money. Some of these remain here, & others are finally lodged in the auditor's office.

Any other information necessary for the Committee will be given on requisition.

## PETER WILLIAMS TO GOVERNOR B. RANDOLPH.

1790.

Says that on perusing the papers sent him for Collecting vouchers to establish the claims of this State against the United States, he finds a great part of them scarcely practicable; he has, however, begun the business, and will do all in his power to complete it.

Jan. 18th  
Prince  
George  
Collecting  
vouchers

## BARTLETT WILLIAMS, ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE HONORABLE, THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

Jan. 18th

Petition for the pardon of Phil., negro slave of Wm. Tyree, tried & convicted of felony, and sentenced to be hung. The court declare that the Commonwealth's attorney showed them a law for hanging the said negro, and that upon their afterwards Coming into the Tavern, they were informed by the Honl. Edmund Randolph that the law under which they were led to act was not in force, and the offence was punishable by branding in the hand. The attorney & court all unite in the prayer for pardon.

New Kent  
Co.  
Petition for  
the pardon  
of slave  
Phil.

## COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Jan. 18th

Has received his Excellency's letter of the 30th ulto. & in consequence of the directions of the Assembly, will do nothing in regard to the Shawanese accounts, but by advice of the delegation from the state, thinks it unfortunate that Genl. Clarke's letters & vouchers should be missing for tho' the vouchers may apply perfectly to the charges, yet the necessity & propriety of the expeditions could probably be sustained only by the correspondence between the Executive and the Western officers. Says that excepting a few papers by Mr. Beckley, and the Shawanese account from Mr. Pendleton, he has rec'd nothing from Virginia since the box by Mr. Griffin. Has heard but little from the collectors. The Board of three began to act on January 19th last, and continued 3 months when Mr. Baldwin resigned, since which time they have never made a board nor pointed out what proofs they require. The ordinance constituting the Board requires that they shall all be present—their continuance in office is limited to 18 months from the time of their commencing to act.

New York  
Shawanese  
Accounts

Board of  
three  
Mr. Baldwin  
resigned

He will endeavor to procure a longer time for the admission of vouchers. North Carolina is in some instances as tardy as we have been, and he thinks it as well, perhaps, to wait the arrival of members from that state, hoping that they will bring forward a proposition for the purpose,

North  
Carolina

1790. which, if supported by Virginia, will probably succeed. He is the more  
 Jan. 18th inclined to this delay as Mr. Madison & two other members from our  
 state have not yet arrived, besides the present members of the Board of  
 Three have consented to receive my vouchers till Feb'y 1st, though re-  
 marking that strictly no new evidence can be offered after the 19th of  
 this month, being six months before the end of the 18, the period of  
 their existence.
- New Hamp- The New Hampshire & New York Assemblies have lately appointed  
 shire and persons to search their public offices for vouchers to support their  
 New York accounts against the United States. The members from those two states  
 will concur in a measure which may promote their views in this respect,  
 though if they should conceive it of much consequence to Virginia, they  
 might be less disposed to favor it.
- Mr. Ronald The money & supplies managed by Mr. Ronald in the earlier periods  
 of the War appear to have been considerable, but he has no papers in  
 his possession that prove their proper application. Col. Mayo Carrington,  
 in whose district he was, says nothing about him in any of his  
 papers, & probably was not acquainted with the agency of Mr. Ronald.  
 Would be glad to have the clerks in the different offices look over their  
 files for the papers of Mr. Armistead for 81 & 82. His books for that  
 year appear to have been once in the possession of Mr. Duncomb, who  
 thinks probably they have been placed in some of the offices for occa-  
 sional purposes. Says that Capt. Peyton has never settled his accounts  
 & therefore his issues of stores, which were considerable, do not appear.  
 As he would not probably attend in Richmond, suggest that Mr. Price be  
 sent up, or some other, for the special purpose of procuring the amount  
 and vouchers for services & supplies. He encloses the copy of the resolu-  
 tions of the New York Assembly, which have just appeared in regard  
 to their claims against the United States.
- Capt. Peyton He would be glad to be furnished with an account of all the military  
 land warrants which have been issued by Virginia. In the general  
 account rendered to Mr. Winder of advances for county, he has made a  
 charge for the lands allowed by law to the Virginia troops, though he  
 expects that it will not be admitted without dispute. Thinks that from  
 the sentiments of New York, & upon more mature reflection, the lands  
 actually granted for military services, may be supported as a just charge  
 against the United States at such price as may hereafter be agreed upon.  
 For this purpose it will be necessary for him to be furnished with a list  
 of the warrants. Will thank his Excellency for £10 on account.
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- Jan. 19th COLONEL BENJAMIN WILSON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.
- Harrison Enclosing a return of the proceedings of a court-martial held in Har-  
 County rison Co., for the trial of Capt. John McCally for being drunk, & behav-  
 iour unbecoming an officer.

Ordered, that he be censured, and that his Command devolve on his Lieutenant for one year; after which, if he prove before a Board of officers that he has behaved himself as becoming an officer, in the mean while, he shall be restored to his Command. 1790.  
Trial of Captain McCally for drunkenness

John Harvey certifying that Thomas Madison, Esq., made oath before him, a magistrate, that he would support the Constitution of the United States, & well & truly discharge the office of a Councillor of this State. Jan. 19th  
Henrico

ROBERT PORTERFIELD TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH. Jan. 19th

Stating that the heavy rains lately have rendered it impossible to make any headway in Collecting vouchers. Has done, and will do all that is possible, though does not expect that this District will prove of much consequence. Augusta Co.  
Collecting of vouchers

P. PELHAM, CLERK COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR. Jan. 20th

The Court recommends Benjamin Goodrich, John Goodwyn, John Fisher, & Wm. Sykes, Gent., for Justices of the peace, and Lockett Mitchell to be coroner in place of Peter Pelham, resigned. Greensville  
County

GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. Jan. 22d

Sir,

As it is of considerable consequence to the Public that a letter which I have just written to Mr. Jefferson should reach him at as early a period as may be, and as I am unacquainted with any other certain channel of Conveyance, I have taken the liberty of enclosing it to your Excellency. The importance of having it delivered to him with certainty and expedition, I hope will be Considered as an apology for the trouble which may be occasioned by this measure; and even for the farther favor I am about to ask, of having it dispatched by a particular Messenger, in case no opportunity (that might with safety be depended upon) should present itself of forwarding it in a short time from Richmond to Monticello. New York  
Enclosing a letter for Mr. Jefferson  
Asks to have it dispatched to him at Monticello

With Sentiments of Esteem, I have the honor to be  
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant.

1790.

JNO. S. LANGHORNE TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Jan. 24th      Enclosing all the vouchers remaining in his possession, with Every  
Warwick Co. information he could Collect under the last instructions from Col. Davies.  
Vouchers      Encloses his acct. of expenses, & desires that the balance due him be  
handed to Miles Cary, Esq., from this county.

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Jan. 25th      JNO. ROANE, JAMES RUFFIN, JAS. HILL, ISAAC QUARLES, AND FRANCIS  
DANDRIDGE, MAGISTRATES, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE MEMBERS OF  
THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

King Wil-      Informing them that Thos. Butler was deemed inadvisable to dis-  
liam County charge the duties of sheriff, to which office he had lately been commis-  
T. Butler sioned, and he is about to remove from this county to Henrico; That  
sheriff they were informed that Jno. Hill had made application to be appointed  
Jno. Hill's sheriff of said county on the resignation or incapacity of said Butler.  
application for the place This is to assure your Honors that Jno. Hill is conceived by them to be  
Reasons why he should not be a very unfit & improper character to be entrusted with that important  
appointed office, because he has not for years discharged the duties of magistrate,  
& has (as they have been credibly informed,) denied & referred persons  
coming to do business with him to some other justice, & that he has not  
taken the Federal Oath agreeably to the Constitution before Aug't 31st,  
or since, until within a very short time, when he saw an opening for  
the sheriffalty of this county.

Jno. Quarles, cl'k of court, certifies that T. Butler came into court &  
produced his commission as sheriff of this county, and said that he  
could not furnish the security, which was ordered to be certified to the  
Executive.

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Jan. 27th      A. HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

New York      I am favored with your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing a Cer-  
tificate from the Auditor of the State on the Subject of my inquiries of  
the 24th of last month.

Be pleased to accept my acknowledgments for the attention you have  
shewn on this occasion, and to believe me,

With perfect respect, Sir,

Your most obed. &amp; h'ble Serv't.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE GOVERNOR. 1790.

Sir,

I have been duly favored with your Excellency's letter of the 14th instant, enclosing General Wood's report respecting the materials which were placed upon Cape Henry by the States of Virginia and Maryland, for the purpose of building a Light-house, and have put both the letter and report into the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, who is authorized by Law "to provide by contract, which shall be approved by the President of the United States, for building a Light-house near the entrance of Chesapeake Bay." I have also directed him to write to your Excellency upon the subject, and to take such steps in the business as may tend to a speedy accomplishment of the desired object.

Jan. 29th  
New York  
Materials for  
Lighthouse  
on Cape  
Henry  
Secretary of  
Treasury  
authorized  
to contract  
for Light-  
houses

In the first place, it will be necessary that a deed of cession of the land upon which the Light-house is to be erected, should be executed from the State of Virginia to the United States; and when this is accomplished, as the building of the Light-house is to be done by Contract, it is probable that the person or persons who may contract for the building of it, will make such agreement for the materials as to them shall seem proper; and in this case, the expediency of their being purchased *immediately* by the United States will be superseded.

Deed of ces-  
sion to U.  
States neces-  
sary  
Light house  
to be built by  
contract

I have the Honor to be, with very great esteem,  
Your Excellency's most obed't & Huml. Serv't.

COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Jan. 29th

Informing him of the arrival of the two boxes & his letter by Express, Is pleased at their reception before the 1st of February, to which time he is at present limited by the Commissioners of the General Board. Hopes, however, that they will not be rigid, tho' their authority is somewhat circumscribed by the Act of Congress. Our Delegates are fearful of an application to Congress for a longer time for the admission of Evidence. Virginia has been so frequent in her complaints of different kinds on this head, that every measure must be brought forward with great caution. The accession of North Carolina and the relinquishment of Territory lately made by her to the United States, seem to render an application by her most promising of success. Her Senators are here, but as this more properly belongs to the Representatives, it will be necessary to wait their arrival. Meanwhile endeavors must be made, if possible, to influence the Board of three to propose something necessary to accomplish the object of their appointment more fully than the Existing

New York  
In relation to  
claims  
against U.  
states



1790. Acts of Congress seem at present to authorize. He finds it a peculiarly  
 Jan. 29th fortunate circumstance to have the books of the Executive (mutilated  
 as they are) with him, as frequently advances of money on account can  
 nowhere else be found, owing to the imperfect construction of other  
 Boards, and the destruction of papers by the Enemy, which tho' of  
 itself only presumptive Evidence, yet combined with information from  
 other documents, frequently rises to positive proof. Hopes that the  
 vouchers from the Collectors will be forwarded as early as possible.  
 Would like to retain all the papers & documents in his possession for the  
 purpose of Comparing them before handing them over to the Commis-  
 sioners, but that cannot be done. It may be necessary for him to have  
 the Acts & Journal of the last session of assembly, which may be for-  
 wardd by water as opportunities are frequent.

Jan. 30th

G. NICHOLAS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Danville Having been informed by some of my friends that they have men-  
 Mentioned tioned me to the Executive as successor to the late Attorney-General  
 as successor for the district of Kentucky, I now take the liberty of informing your  
 to late attor- Excency that if I am honored with that appointment, I will discharge  
 ney-general the duties of the office to the utmost of my abilities. Perhaps it may  
 of District of be proper for me also to add that I have not, neither shall I accept of  
 Kentucky my commission as attorney to the federal court within this district.

I am, with the greatest respect and Esteem,  
 Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't.

Jan. 31st

FRANCIS PRESTON AND JAMES BRECKENRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Montgomery They write in relation to difficulties likely to arise with the magis-  
 Co. trates, County clerk, &c., of the new county of Wythe, which was  
 New county formed out of the County of Montgomery at the last session of the  
 of Wythe Assembly. They say that some of the competitors have written to  
 the Executive in regard to these offices, and persons are recommended,  
 which, if confidence be reposed in, the county will be likely to suffer.  
 List of mag- They send the names of the old magistrates, whom they think should  
 istrates in retain their commissions in the new County as they reside in that part.  
 Wythe These are Walter Crockett, James McGavock, Andrew Boyd, William  
 Davies, James Newell, Robert Sayers, William Ward, William Love,  
 Jehu Stephens, John Adams, John Thompson Sayers, David McGavock,  
 Houser Swift, & William Thompson.  
 Jas. Newell James Newell is recommended for High Sheriff, being entitled to it  
 for sheriff by rotation.

THOS. PARKER TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1790.

Finds great inattention in the persons formerly at the head of the business, in preserving vouchers for the payment of money advanced for the recruits; can get but little information; will be in Richmond shortly & will bring all the vouchers then obtained. Directing his letter to Westmoreland instead of this county, he fears some valuable vouchers from Col's Lee & Peachy have miscarried, as he requested in that letter to direct to him in Northumberland.

Jan. 31st  
Northumberland  
Vouchers

J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

February 1st

Specie in the Treasury on 1st Feb., 1790,	-	-	£2,370,	1s,	1d.	Report of specie in treasury on Feb. 1st, 1790
Deduct for Warr'ts unpaid to Scouts & Rangers due pr. order of the Executive, - - - -	-	-	£324,	14s,	10d.	
For do. to Foreign creditors under apportionments of the Executive,			84,	16,	0	
Registered Interest warr'ts supposed about, - - - -	-	-	200,	0,	0	
						609, 10, 10
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Remains seventeen hundred and sixty pounds, 10s,						
3d, - - - -	-	-	£1,760,	10s,	3d.	

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

February 2d

Reports that militia returns have been made from Amherst, Prince George, Pittsylvania, Greensville, Powhatan, and King & Queen; county Lt. of King & Queen has resigned. The clerk of the Court-Martial of Goochland for 1788, has stated that the Fines assessed amount to £139, 10s, & are in the sheriff's hands for collection. Fines assessed in Shenandoah for 1783 & 1784, there appears a balance due of £20, 1s, 6½d, which has been paid into the Treasury. The C'ty Lt. of Powhatan has received Fines to the amt. of Five pounds, which he has disbursed according to Law. The C'ty Lts. of Lunenburg, Essex, Greenville, Hanover, & King & Queen, testify that they have received no monies by virtue of their offices.

Militia  
returns

1790.

THOMAS COLEMAN TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

February 2d     Stating that his name, with that of Anderson Scott, was sent to the  
 King &     Executive at last June Court, as fit persons to act as sheriff. By the  
 Queen Co.     accompany'g certif. of Ro. Pollard, Clk. of the Court, it appears that at  
 Anderson     the Court held Jan'y 11th. 1790, the said Anderson Scott produced his  
 Scott for     Commission of Sheriff, and offered security, which the Court adjudged  
 sheriff     insufficient, and ordered that it be certified that said Scott had made all  
 Security     proper efforts to obtain sufficient security, without being able to do so.  
 insufficient     He learns that the sheriff's Commission will be sent to him, which he  
                  trusts will not be done, as he does not consider himself a magistrate  
                  now, nor has he acted as such, since the oath imposed by Congress,  
                  under the new Constitution was offered to, and refused by him for  
 Does not     reasons peculiar to himself. He would by no means wish to act as  
 wish to act     sheriff, being very old and infirm.

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February 2d

CHAS. LYNCH, SEN'R, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Stamton     Stating that the bearer waits on him with his vouchers as enclosed,  
 Settlement     to settle his acct. with the state, which if found right, leaves a balance  
 of account     in his favour of £112, 19s, 11d., & interest from 1st Nov. 1783.

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Feb. 4th

L. WOOD, PUB. SOL'R, TO B. RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Richmond     Informing him that Messrs. Myers & Douglass had altered their  
 Myers &     opinion in respect to their Bond to the Commonwealth for the purchase  
 Douglass'     of the Boats, as on yesterday, they paid their Bond for £501 in Military  
 bond     & Loan certificates with Interest thereon to the 1st ultimo, at the  
 Boats     same time delivering to him the warrants for the Interest, all which  
 Paid     together with £36 certificates for another Bond, (Interest undrawn,) he holds ready to pay the Treasurer or Agent of the Sinking fund, whichever he may by the Executive be directed.

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Feb. 6th

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Allemarle     Received from Joseph Clarke a letter addressed to me, endorsed by  
                  the President of the United States, and forwarded by his Excellency  
                  the Governor of this state.

## JOHN PEYTON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1790.

Stating that Capt. Williams, at the request of the Executive, had applied to him for information, regarding his transactions while he continued in office at Post Point of Fork.

He can only inform him what he believes he knew before, that full and regular returns were made Quarterly, and adjusted in the office lately Kept by Col. Thos. Meriwether, and the vouchers lodged with the returns; However, lest they should have been mislaid, he has deposited in William's hands his books, which he will lay before him for his inspection. They contain a true statement of the whole business. If deemed necessary, copies can be sent to Col. Davies, but the Books must be returned to him for his own justification.

Feb. 6th  
ColumbiaPoint of  
Fork

## L. WOOD TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Feb. 6th

In which he expresses surprize at the receipt of his Excellency's letter on the subject of speculations. Suggests to the Governor & council that the charge is too general for an indiscriminate censure. Has written to his clerks recommending a forbearance from all such practices, has also shewn them his Excellency's letter. In reply, one clerk declares "that he has never directly or indirectly speculated upon public papers of any denomination since being in the office"; the other writes "that he is entirely clear of having transactions with any person coming under the description mentioned in his or the Executive's letter"; & both say, they shall in future adhere to their former line of conduct. This he trusts will wipe off Every ill impression, that vague reports may have made upon the minds of the Honorable members.

Richmond  
Speculations

## EDMUND RANDOLPH, ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 7th

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving last night a letter of the 6th instant, from your Secretary, Mr. Lear, inclosing by your order a representation from Louis Poutant Beauregard and Le Bourgeois, two different statements of their respective accounts with Oliver Pollock, and a certificate of Daniel Clark, and requiring my opinion thereupon.

New York

Claims of  
Beauregard  
and Bour-  
geois against  
Oliver  
Pollock

From these documents, I understand that in the year 1780, Pollock being an agent for the western army of Virginia, and authorized by the Governor and board of trade of that State, to draw bills of exchange

1790.  
Feb. 7th

on the house of Penet, Decosta, Freres and company, of Nantz, for 65,814 dollars and five ryals, Beauregard and Cadet Sardet, deceased, bot. three of those bills, and paid for them instantly in Gold & Silver; that after the expiration of eighteen months, advice was received of the non-acceptance of the bills thus purchased from Pollock; that in 1784, Pollock settled his accounts with Virginia in silver dollars, included in them Beauregard's and Sardet's demand, and obtained damages at the rate of Eighteen per centum, and an interest of six per centum per annum; that Bourgeois has married the widow of Sardet; that in 1787, Clark being Pollock's agent, took up the non-accepted bills which had been protested at the damages of twelve and a half per centum, and at an interest of five per centum per annum, and paid the amount estimated on these principles, in the paper money of New Orleans; and that one hundred and sixty-two dollars and on half of this paper money, was no more than equal to one hundred silver dollars.

Upon these allegations, a request is founded that the President of the United States "*will cause justice to be done.*" By *Justice* is ment a compensation for the difference between the damages of eighteen and twelve and a half per centum, between six and five per centum per annum, and between silver dollars and the paper dollars of New Orleans.

To me it appears that these transactions do in no manner fall within the sphere of the President:

Not a debt  
of the  
United  
States

1st. It is not pretended that the bills in question were drawn by Pollock in behalf of the United States, or under their license; on the Contrary, he was treated with as the agent of Virginia, and under the particular powers of the Governor and board of trade of Virginia—consequently, the debt arising from the protest of these bills never was a debt of the United States.

2d. Let it then be allowed for a moment that Virginia is bound to make the compensation required. The Constitution of the United States extends the Judicial power to all cases between a state and foreign subjects. Beauregard & Bourgeois profess allegiance to his Catholic majesty, and therefore have the courts of the United States open to their claims against Virginia.

3d. Perhaps, however, the President may sometimes think it advisable to remonstrate with a state on its conduct towards foreigners; But on this occasion, the truth seems to be that Virginia will always be able to defend herself. The papers are silent as to many important facts which ought to be ascertained, and which, when ascertained, might probably by their own weight, support the refusal of Virginia to pay what is claimed; But enough is in my opinion disclosed for this purpose. It is admitted that Beauregard & Bourgeois consented to accept in the paper money of New Orleans the damages of 12½ per centum, and the interest of five per centum per annum. The course of business renders it certain that Clark received the protested bills from Beauregard &

Bourgeois, and that they were delivered up to Virginia when Pollock closed his accounts with her. Virginia then, ignorant of the distant negotiations between them, and finding Pollock in possession of the bills, infers with great propriety that the rights of all other claimants were relinquished in favor of Pollock, and adjusts the debt as it is agreed fairly & honorably. Nay, even if Virginia had been apprized at the time of the adjustment, that Beauregard & Bourgeois had made a bad bargain with Clark, it surely was not proper for her to undertake to rectify the want of prudence in individuals, who resigned everything when they surrendered the bills. These reasons apply with equal force against any reimbursement for depreciation. But it may be added with respect to this point, that Clark, altho' he paid paper money, paid a money which was legitimated by the sovereignty of New Orleans.

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Virginia  
settled with  
Pollock  
fairly and  
honestly

4. In short, (if a dispute can be said to exist at all), it must lie between Beauregard & Bourgeois and Pollock. If he has deceived them, the laws of the United States afford redress. But as the merits of their contest do not relate to the General Government, I shall not trouble you with any observations upon it.

The dispute  
if any, must  
be between  
Beauregard  
& Bourgeois  
and Pollock

I have the honor, Sir, to be, with the highest respect,  
Y'r mo. ob. Serv't.

#### J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 8th

Informing him that owing to the declining health of Mr. Southall, he was induced to recommend to him a few weeks' absence from the office. He flatters himself that the Executive will permit him to employ an assistant in his place, at the rate of £100 per annum, to be paid out of the contingent fund. He supposes that Mr. Southall's absence will not exceed two months—the salary to a temporary clerk being a trivial sum, and the indulgence will no doubt be very pleasing to a valuable assistant.

Auditor's  
office  
Recom-  
mends  
a leave of  
absence for  
Mr. Southall  
Temporary  
assistant  
His salary  
How to be  
paid

#### WM. TATHAM TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Feb. 8th

Enclosing the copy of Mr. Gilpin's survey, finished as requested for the use of the Council. Thanks the Executive for entrusting its execution to his poor abilities. Presents it to the Board in testimony of his sincere attachment to the United States, but particularly to this Commonwealth. Did not conceive himself at liberty to take a copy or extracts from it, but if no impropriety intervene would be glad to do so, as

No place  
given  
Copy of  
Gilpin's  
Survey

1790. he has for several years been collecting every information that may contribute to a general knowledge of the Southern Division of the United States. He thinks that if he could be permitted to inspect or transcribe from the public papers of Virginia, he would be able to furnish better information to the world than has heretofore been published—having had the advantage of many years' personal observation through the greatest part, besides a general information through the several departments of civil, military, and mercantile life.

He has contemplated undertaking a work in addition to Mr. Jefferson's, on a plan similar to the one of Dr. Burns (now in his Excellency's possession); thinks the task an arduous one, but can be accomplished by perseverance, and though it may be imperfectly executed at first, will at least perpetuate a knowledge of fugitive matter, that may give light to future ages. He would ask the sense of the Executive on these subjects and their patronage. Thinks that the privilege, however, should be exclusive, otherwise the infancy of the country would render the considerations inadequate to the undertaking and necessary sacrifices.

Feb. 8th J. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

War office Sir,

Invalid I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Pensioners two favors of the 28th of December and 11th of January last; the former covering a list of Invalid pensioners, dated 19th of December, 1789.

Invalids I beg leave to observe that the list of Invalids acknowledged on the 25th April, 1789, to have been received by me, was a list for the year 1787, which rendered a more recent list necessary.

To be paid Wm. Heath In the advertisement respecting the payment of the Invalids, it is at Bermuda Hundreds stated that those for Virginia would be paid by William Heath at Bermuda Hundred; but as a matter of accommodation, he will authorize some person to make the payments at Richmond, which it is hoped will be a satisfactory arrangement.

Hutchins' map Availing the public of your goodness, I have the honor herewith to transmit one of Hutchins' Maps of the Western Country, which although not accurate, will show the divisions of the counties generally, when the same shall be marked thereon; you will then please to return it to me.

Powder advanced to Chickasaws to be replaced by the best I pray your Excellency to consider that it was the intention of the President of the United States, that Virginia should have the best powder returned for the advance she made to the Chickasaws; If, therefore, the report of the Commissary should be unfavorable to the public powder at present in Virginia, I will, on being informed thereof, direct

that the quantity to be replaced shall be shipped either from this port or Philadelphia, to such place in Virginia as you shall please to point out. 1790. Feb. 8th

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient Humble Servant.

A. SINGLETON, AGENT OF THE SINKING FUND, TO THE GOVERNOR. Feb. 8th

Specie on hand to continue the purchases,	-	£8,365,	0s,	5½d.	Report of sinking fund Specie on hand
To be paid by Messrs. Lott & Higbe in all this	-				
month,	-	2,106,	3	8½	
Do. by Drury Ragsdale in do.,	-	91,	14	10½	
Brought up,	-	6,557,	8	8½	
Total,	-	£17,123,	7s,	9½d.	

The whole amount of Warrants which will be drawn by the Agent of S. Fund on certificates purchased, and certificates received from the Treasury for the use of the said fund £7,494, 4s, 3d.

The above sum of warrants will in the opinion of the agent, produce at least in specie in the course of the year, £6,557, 8s, 8½d; and how much may be counted on for the 1-10 arrears of Taxes, the Honl., The Executive, will be able to form a better idea of than their

Obt. Humble Serv't.

Public securities purchased by the Agent of the Sinking Fund from 1st Jan'y, 1790, to 6th Febr'y:					Purchases
Military certificates,	-	-	-	£14,935,	19s, 6d.
Loan office do.,	-	-	-	393,	9 ¼
Funded do.,	-	-	-	246,	17 7
					£15,576, 6s, 1½d.

EDMUND RANDOLPH, ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. Feb. 10th

Sir,

On Saturday last, a question was submitted to me *officially*, respecting certain bills of exchange drawn by Oliver Pollock in favor of Beauregard and Cadet Sardet. I requested permission from the president of New York



1790. the United States to inform your excellency, and am authorized to  
 Feb. 10th inform you accordingly, that Beauregard and Le Bourgeois, the repre-  
 Bills of Ex- sentative of Sardet, have alleged that their bills amounting to about  
 change by 18,000 dollars, were taken up by Pollock's Agent, Mr. Daniel Clark, at  
 Pollock 12½ per centum damages, five per centum interest, and in the paper  
 money of New Orleans depreciated to 162½ when compared with 100  
 specie dollars. Should you desire copies of the papers, they may be  
 procured by an application to the president. Supposing it possible that  
 this information might not be useless, I thought it my duty to my coun-  
 try to transmit it to you.

I have the honor, sir, to be, with the highest respect,

Y<sup>r</sup> mo. ob. Serv.

Gov. Ran- The solicitor will immediately examine the settlement made with  
 dolf's note Oliver Pollock, & report to the Executive whether the Bills spoken of  
 to the Solic- in the within Letter make any Part of the account & at what Rate of  
 itor in regard Depreciation the s'd Bills were settled.  
 to said bills

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Council chamber, Feb'y 22d, 1790.

Feb. 10th A. HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.  
 New York Informing him that the President of the United States had referred  
 his letter of the 18th Dec'r last, transmitting the copy of an Act of the  
 Commonwealth of Virginia, empowering him upon certain conditions to  
 make the cession necessary for building a Light-house near the entrance  
 of Chesapeake Bay; that as soon as the proper instrument shall be exe-  
 cuted for the cession, arrangements will be made for carrying the object  
 into execution. He thinks it desirable that the full quantity of Two  
 acres which he is at liberty to make, should be ceded.  
 Light-house at entrance of Chesapeake bay Two acres to be ceded  
 Materials on hand In regard to the materials on hand, the business, if practicable, should  
 Work to be done by contract be executed by an entire Contract, and the purchase of these materials  
 will depend on the Contractor, who it is to be presumed will find it ex-  
 pedient to avail himself of a supply on the spot.

Feb. 16th

WILL. RUSSELL, CLERK.

Lunatic Hospital Certifying that the Directors of the Lunatic Hospital, at a meeting  
 held Feb. 16, 1790, ordered that the Treasurer of this Hospital be  
 directed to apply to the Executive for £400 for the use and maintenance  
 of said Hospital.

WILL. RUSSELL CLERK.

1790.

Certifying to the Executive that John Blair and James Innes, Esqrs. have resigned the office of Directors of this Hospital.

Feb. 16th  
Lunatic  
Hospital

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Feb. 16th

Stating that he has waited the result of the measures he had taken to relieve the State from the embarrassment in regard to the time of producing Evidence, before troubling his Excellency on the subject. Found that the Commissioner from North Carolina and Genl. Matthews from Georgia were rather inclined to wait fortuitous events in course of the session, than make direct application to Congress on this subject. Meanwhile, Mr. Gilman's arrival completed the General Board. As soon as this month began, the limit of the period allowed him by the other two, He renewed his application for prolonging the period, for arranging & exhibiting the Evidence. This was declined for want of authority. He then urged the necessity & propriety of referring to the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of army accounts, all the papers, which by the Ordinance were the proper objects of their discussion. He was fortunate enough to get this allowed; which has enabled him to proceed in the statements of papers brought by Lihlong & others till this day. It is necessary however that the Collectors should send in their vouchers as speedily as possible. Fears that the delays, which a variety of circumstances have occasioned, will have an ill effect. Has conferred with the Virginia representatives from time to time, and particularly with Mr. Madison, whom he finds zealous on this subject, and has promised his assistance at all times, when he can make it effectual. Meanwhile, he is perfecting and arranging the accounts & evidence in support of the claims for pay, & depreciation, & bounties to the army, & advances to the militia, & for pecuniary and specific payments to the requisition of Congress. He requests the Governor's interposition with Mr. John Hopkins, with respect to Mr. Claiborne's papers. Hopkins informed him that Claiborne would assuredly come in with Mr. Jefferson, and under that hope, he has promised himself an authenticated voucher for all the supplies furnished his Dept., during his Quarter-mastership. Says that the Auditor of the Treasury proposes to attack his papers, & thinks that even if a legal step of that kind could be adopted, yet the attainment of the desired Evidence without recurring to compulsion, would be better and possibly Mr. Hopkins might be prevailed on to afford his assistance.

New York  
In regard to  
state's claims  
against  
United  
States

New York & New Jersey are now both engaged in the same business of Collection as Virginia, tho' theirs are confined to the accounts of their military & militia only.

1790. TOBIAS LEAR, SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
TO MESSRS. POUTANT BEAUREGARD AND BOURGEOIS, NEW ORLEANS.

Feb. 16th Stating to them that their letter respecting an account between Oliver  
Beauregard Pollock and the Representatives of Cadet Sardet, had been received by  
& Bourgeois' the President, and by his order referred to the Attorney-General of the  
claim United States for his report thereon. He now has the honor of trans-  
mitting a copy of the report for their information.

Feb. 17th L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Richmond Enclosing a report on the returns of Such Executions against delin-  
quent sheriffs, as were issued previous to the late Gen'l Court, setting  
Delinquent forth that sales could not be effected for the want of buyers, and asking  
sheriffs whether it is expedient to order a removal of the property. The sher-  
Names iffs are Wm. McClanachan, of Botetourt Co.; Vivion Brooking, of Amelia;  
John Calloway, of Campbell; Abram Stratton, of Pittsylvania; John  
John, of Buckingham; Stephen Sampson, of Goochland; Wm. Moore,  
of Orange; Wm. Washington, of Westmoreland; John Rogers, of South-  
ampton; Thos. Hughart, of Augusta; Wm. Leftwick, of Bedford; Mar-  
tin Pickett, of Fauquier; Robt. Wood, of Franklin; John Lacy, of New  
Kent; Wm. Todd, of Pittsylvania; George Rives, of Sussex; Morgan  
Morgan, of Berkeley; Maurice Langhorne, of Cumberland; Joseph Fox,  
of Westmoreland.

The foregoing relate to delinquencies occurring in the years 1782,  
1785, & 1786, as specified on the different margins.

Feb. 17th THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

No place Stating that he finds on a settlement of his certificate, that he is  
given charged with damages as shown by the account. He assures his Excel-  
lency that he spared no exertions in collecting the taxes, but from the  
with damages circumstances of the country could not get them in, and what he now  
pays is in advance for the people. He says that he has overpaid £156  
in the Revenue, and hopes the Executive will remit the damages in-  
curred.

Solicitor's Sam'l Shepard, C. Sol., certifies under date of Feb. 20th, 1790, that  
office Thos. Newton, Esq., late sheriff of Norfolk Co., has paid the balance of  
principal & Interest, with one per cent. damages, on a judgment obtained  
against him for the certificate tax of 1786.

THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Stating that during the time he acted as Sheriff of Norfolk, he had an Execution sent him against Capt. Thos. Brown, of Portsmouth, for some disabled public cannon bought of me to the amt. of £54. He had some discounts thereon for taking several large cannon out of the water and landing them on high land, done by order of the Executive. He has endeavored to get the amount, but the condition of Brown's affairs are very precarious—He has lately died. The only settlement he could effect was to have a continental final settlement lodged in his hands of about 4,000 dollars as security. He has also been informed that Brown had 10 ton 15c. more disabled cannon than was charged to him, which were carried to Boston by a Capt. Turner on one of Brown's sloops. Brown's illness for a long time previous to his death prevented him from taking his bond for the payment, and considering also that the certificate was ample security for the debts due the public. Brown's Executors allege, however, that he has no right to stop the certificate further than the duties, as it was lodged for that purpose, the state having no greater right to the debt than other creditors. He has plead that the debts due the public are of the greatest dignity and must be paid first. Brown's affairs are in a desperate condition, and unless the certificate can be stopped, he fears that the debt will be lost. He asks the Executive directions in this case. The money arising from these sales was to be applied to fixing a shelter over the good cannon now lying at Norfolk and Fort Nelson.

Feb. 17th  
No place given  
Capt.  
Brown's purchase of disabled cannon  
Brown dead

Brown's executors

Brown's affairs in a desperate condition

At a court of Oyer & Terminer held Feb. 20th, 1790, for the trial of a negro man slave named Joe, the property of Warning Peter Robertson, charged with feloniously consulting, advising, preparing, and plotting the murder of the said Robertson, by administering poisonous medicines for the destruction of the said Robertson.

Feb. 20th  
No county given  
Trial of negro slave Joe  
Poisoning

Court present: Rawleigh Carter, Peter Randolph, Abner Osborne, Edmund Wills, and Samuel Pinckham, Gents.

The said Joe was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to be hung on Friday, the 26th day of March next.

Sentenced to be hung

The said Court valued him at Seventy pounds.

J<sup>S</sup>. HOLMES, Clk.

HARRY HETH.

Feb. 22d

Transcript from sales of Public Tobacco from Dec. 26th to 22nd February inclusive, being 655 hhds., amounting to £6,887, 2s, 10d., prices ranging from 15s, 9d., to 20s.

Richmond  
Sales of public tobacco

1790.

## ALEX'R WHITE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Feb. 24th      Informing him that his letter to the Representatives of Virginia, in  
New York      Congress, with enclosures, accompanied by a chart or plan of the River  
Chart of      Potowmack, was received by last post. They will lay the same before  
river      Congress as soon as they can with propriety. The other members have  
Potomack      requested him to make this communication, and suppose it unnecessary  
for them all to sign the letter.

Feb. 24th

## WM. TATHAM TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,  
Richmond      I have yours of the 23d, and will execute the business alluded to,  
or any thing else that will afford me an opportunity of evincing my  
gratitude to the Executive for their attention.

The immediate information of the President for the purposes of  
Government, is a consideration that waves every other, and we must  
Map      describe what is wanted for the present use on Mr. Hutchins map, tho'  
it should prove to be unavoidably inaccurate.

If *materials* for the Department of War only, is the object of the  
Secretary, and tho' time will admit of a short suspension, I had much  
rather furnish him an original draft of those parts, adding *your* injunction  
against any publication from it, till my present undertaking of the  
Southern division of the Union is finish'd so as to be fully explanatory.  
I am stimulated to this wish thro' various inducements, among which  
if I know my own heart, a pecuniary one is far distant, altho' *I have*  
heretofore hinted the expediency of making this work exclusive, as an  
indemnification for the loss of time, expences, personal labor, and neces-  
sary sacrifice to the magnitude of the attempt. But I have reasons of  
greater moment, when I view the eyes of a World turn'd on a rising  
Empire recently ranked among the Nations of the Earth, and see the  
component States engaged in a laudable emulation for local superiority,  
certainly it is a justifiable policy to avail ourselves of our own materials.  
Virginia is among the oldest settled Countries on the Continent; her  
resources are superior to any, but we cannot equally boast the *improve-*  
*ments* of civilization. I trust she will not much longer yield the plaudit  
of foreign powers, to the industry of Her Eastern Sisters.

You will pardon my Enthusiasm, for if it is wrong to be partial to  
the Antient Dominion, I confess myself extremely criminal.

I thank you, my dear sir, for your polite care of my Interest; I feel  
alternately on this head the delicacy of the Executive and my own situa-  
tion. Resolutely determined to espouse the cause I have served in on  
independent principles, and buoy'd above every sordid motive, I have

struggled thro' the War regardless of Emolument and offer'd my whole substance and connections at the shrine of Liberty. I have in exchange a Heart-felt satisfaction in pursuing my duty and inclination; the world has no power to rob me of this, and I see no cause to change my system—This is to me a full compensation. To be the hireling of jobs, would degrade me in my own estimation, but if ever my services become usefull in official Life, I shall then willingly accept the annex'd Emoluments as the necessary support of my endeavours, a security against the trowns of adversity or inabilities of old age.

Whenever I am furnished the utensils for drawing on the large scale, I shall be at all times prepared to enter upon the required delineation of the several counties. I have furnished Mr. Mann with a list, but I find a difficulty in getting him to work. I shall, however, occasionally use your name as a spur to his industry.

Doctr. McLurg has returned my circular letter with your Excellency's note. I thank you for the correction; I meant the expression as a term of comprehension only, but it might have borne an impolitic construction. I have made some progress in the arrangement of the first volume, which I shall continue to forward till I am prepared to proceed on the Map; this will, I hope, give me an opportunity of Mr. Jefferson's opinion on the plan before he leaves us.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Your obt. and much obliged Huml. Servant.

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE HONORABLE THE COUNCIL.

Feb. 25th

Reports that in obedience to an instruction from the Governor, he has examined the account of Mr. James McGavock for public lead delivered at Fort Chiswell, with the vouchers to support the same. The whole quantity of Lead said to be delivered is 72,482½ lbs.; 651½ lbs. of which is receipted for by Col. Walter Crockett, himself, and by his order for the use of Montgomery county; 511 lbs. receipted for by orders of county Lieuts. of Greenbriar, for the use of said county—No authority from the Executive for these deliveries. 542½ lbs., said to be for Washington Co. in 1788, wants a voucher for delivery; of 44,093 lbs., said to be delivered for Mr. Moses Austin, 7,406 lbs. are not receipted for, and 8,107 lbs. want the orders of Mr. Austin. N. Frisbie, said to be a manager for Mr. Austin, has ordered the delivery of 158 lbs., which is charged to Mr. Austin. No order of council adduced authorizing the delivery of lead to Mr. Austin.

He has examined the Auditor's books from 1782 to the present day, and finds no advance on account made to McGavock. It appears, however, from the journal of the Council, that his acct. was settled and a warrant on the Contingent Fund given him for the balance due.

Council office  
James McGavock's  
accounts for  
public lead  
delivered at  
Fort Chiswell  
Montgomery  
County  
Greenbriar  
County  
Washington  
County  
Moses Austin  
N. Frisbie  
Examined  
Auditor's  
books, and  
finds no  
advance on  
account  
Account was  
settled

1790. L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Feb. 25th On receiving this Morning your Excellency's orders for the removal  
Richmond of the Sheriff's Property, I observed to Gen'l Wood that the Executive  
Removal of had been pleased to direct the sales to be made for *Money or such war-*  
Sheriff's rants or other governmental Securities of this State as were receivable in the  
property several Taxes respectively. In the Taxes of 1785 & 1786, a certain pro-  
Indents portion of Indents were to be received, & which seems to me still to be  
permitted by the word *Facilities* being used in C. 38, sect. 3 of the last  
Assembly Acts. I therefore presumed to hint whether, if the words of  
*this State* were left out & the words *according to Law* inserted, it would  
not prevent an Idea that Indents were inadmissible, and the Act of  
1787 directing the removal of Property, uses the words *Money or Gov-*  
*ernment securities*, without confining them to those of this State alone.

My motive for making the observation, was to prevent the delay that  
I apprehend may be occasioned in some cases, & therefore hope the lib-  
erty I have taken to propose an alteration in positive instructions from  
the Executive (altho' I may be wrong), will not be deemed disrespect-  
full or impertinent.

I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obt. h'ble Serv't.

Feb. 26th

CAPTAIN E. LANGHAM TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Point of Reporting that he had agreeably to orders examined the powder at  
Fork New London, belonging to the United States. He found it by no means  
equal to that furnished the Indians by this State. He says that about  
3,000 lbs. of lead may be had from New London, which will replace  
only one-half the quantity furnished the Indians. Suggests that the  
United States powder examined only one-half the quantity furnished the Indians. Suggests that the  
Not equal to that fur- Secretary of War should be made acquainted with the fact that the  
nished the powder belonging to the United States at New London will in a short  
Indians by the State time be of very little account, owing to its age. Thinks if it were now  
sold, enough could be realized to import  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the quantity in new pow-  
der, but if kept two years longer, will not produce sufficient to procure  
more than one-fourth.

United He also states that there are at New London a considerable quantity  
States' of United States muskets, very much injured for the want of means to  
muskets keep them in repair. If attended to in time, considerable saving would  
be made, as it would cost much less to repair these, than make or import  
new ones.

Henry Thweatt certifying that his colleague, Capt. Peter Thweatt, as an Inspector at Robert Bolling's warehouse, departed this life on Friday, the 26th day of this Instant.

1790.  
Feb. 28th  
Capt. Peter Thweatt died

COLONEL JOSEPH HOBSON.

February

Resignation of his commission as Colonel of the 2d Regt. of Militia of Halifax Co., dated at Richmond, Feb. 22d, 1787, and signed by Governor Edmund Randolph.

Resignations of militia officers

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BERNARD MARKHAM.

Lt. Col. B. Markham

Resignation of his commission as Lt.-Col. of the militia of Chesterfield Co., dated at Richmond, July 26th, 1787, and signed by Governor Beverley Randolph.

Chesterfield County

MAJOR A. PAMPLIN TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA.

February

Informing them that he served several years as Major in the lower Battalion of the Amherst Militia, and that he resigned his commission to County Lieut. Col. J. Cabell, about July 1788.

Major A. Pamplin resignation Amherst Co.

PETER WILLIAMS TO B. RANDOLPH.

March 1st

Informing him that he is proceeding in the collection of vouchers as rapidly as circumstances will allow. Finds the business attended with great expense and trouble, besides difficulties in obtaining vouchers, as many persons who acted during the war in different departments, not supposing that their vouchers would ever be called for, have either lost or mislaid them, so have to trust to their recollections.

Prince George Collecting vouchers

He finds in several counties considerable sums of money in Sheriff's hands, collected from delinquents of the specific tax of 1782. These accounts having been placed in their hands for collection by the County Commissioners. He desires to know whether to proceed against these sheriffs to judgment, should they fail to pay over the sums upon application.

Money in Sheriff's hands



1790. MARTIN OSTER, VICE-CONSUL OF FRANCE, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH,  
GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

March 1st      Enclosing a copy of a decree rendered at his tribunal, on September  
Norfolk      10th, 1788, and signed the same day, by which Messrs. Adrien, Wiscart,  
Decree      and Augustin de Neuville, french merchants in Hanover Town, are  
Wiscart and      ordered to render account at the expiration of five months to Mr. Pierre  
de Neuville      Francois Dauchy, attorney for his brother, Alexis Francois Joseph  
Ordered to      Dauchy, a merchant of Dunkerque, in Flanders, a province of France,  
render an      of the management and administration of a cargo, valued at £85,617,  
account in      19s, 3d, which had been entrusted to them by the said Alexis Francois  
5 months      Joseph Dauchy, on the ship, St. Aldegondo, which arrived in Virginia  
Cargo      on October 15th, 1784. The five months allowed for rendering the  
5 months      account having expired on Feb. 10th, 1789, and the said Wiscart and de  
elapsed      Neuville not having as yet showed any diligence for the satisfaction of  
Asks the      Mr. Dauchy, he is requested by the latter to ask the favor of his Excel-  
Governor      lency to issue the necessary order for the execution of the aforesaid  
to order the      decree. He prays that this will be accorded and thereby justice will  
execution of      be done.  
the decree

March 3d      H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR ST. CLAIR, OR BRIGADIER-  
GENERAL HARMAR.

Sir,

War office      In pursuance of powers vested in the President of the United States  
Governor St.      by the Act of Congress, passed the 29th day of September, 1789, he au-  
Clair      thorized you by his instructions dated the 6th of October following in  
Brigadier      certain cases, and in the proportions therein specified, to call forth the  
General      Militia of Virginia and Pennsylvania for the protection of the frontiers  
Harmar      against the depredations of the Indians.

authorized in      Since transmitting you the aforesaid instructions, he has received sev-  
certain cases      eral applications for protection from the Inhabitants of the frontier  
to call      counties of Virginia, lying along the South side of the Ohio. These  
forth the      applications are founded on the depredations of small parties of indians  
Militia      during the last year, who it seems have murdered many of the un-  
against      guarded inhabitants, stolen their horses, and burned their houses.

Indians      Until the last year, an arrangement of the following nature existed  
Application      at the expence of Virginia:  
for pro-      tection

The Lieutenants of the exposed counties under certain restrictions were permitted to call forth a number of active men as patrols, or scouts as they are generally termed, and parties of rangers. But the Government of that State thought proper to discontinue this arrangement on the organization of the General Government to which the

inhabitants of the said counties now apply for protection. All applications of this nature have been placed before the Congress for their information, and in order that they may adopt such measures as the case may require. But as the season is fast approaching in which the inhabitants are apprehensive of a repetition of the injuries suffered the last year, they seem to be of an opinion that their situation requires some conditional security previously to the measures which may result from the deliberations of Congress.

1790.  
March 3d

The President of the United States has therefore so far conformed to their apprehensions on this point as to refer the case to you, or in your absence to Brigadier-General Harmar, and to give you the authority herein described:

1st. That if from good and sufficient information it should be your judgment, or in your absence the judgement of the commanding officer aforesaid, that any of the frontier counties of Virginia lying along the South of the Ohio are under exciting circumstances threatened immediately with incursive parties of Indians, that you or the said commanding officer under your hands and seals empower the Lieutenants of such exposed counties to call forth a particular *number of Scouts* in proportion to the danger of the said Counties, not, however, exceeding for any one county the number of eight men. The said scouts to be continued in service no longer than the danger shall exist, according to the judgment of the County Lieutenants.

2d. That when the said service shall be performed, the following Evidence thereof shall be required:

Firstly. A return of the names, ages, and residence of the said scouts.

Secondly. An abstract of the pay of the said scouts specifying the exact days in which they were so employed; the pay to be regulated by the lowest price in the respective counties in which the service may be performed, and on this point you and the Commanding officer will be particularly accurate. I have been informed that 5s Virginia currency per day has been given to each of the Scouts. If this high price has been given, it must form the excess to be given on the part of the United States.

Thirdly. An account of rations, each ration being stated at not a higher rate than 6d. per ration.

Fourthly. All these papers must be signed and certified on oath by the County Lieutenant, or commanding officer of each County, and transmitted to Brigadier-General Harmar, in order to be delivered to the Paymaster of his regiment, who will have the accounts passed, and draw the money for the same. The money so drawn, to be paid by him to the County Lieutenants, who must produce to him the receipts of the individuals for whom the money was so drawn.

The commanding officer will also issue a reasonable quantity of powder and ball for the said scouts, to the County Lieutenants.

1790. It is however to be strongly remarked that all measures of this nature are uncertain, opposed to the principles of regularity, and to be *adopted only* in cases of exigence, and to cease the moment the said exigences shall cease.

That therefore, you, or the commanding officer aforesaid, will not confer the authority herein contained, but in cases of the most conspicuous necessity, and that when such cases do arise, that you, or he transmit to this office a particular detail of the evidences, whereon you have formed your judgment.

The foregoing instructions are written in obedience to the particular orders of the President of the United States.

I have the honor to be Sir,  
Your most obedient Humble Servant.

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March 3d L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond Asking an order on the Auditor for £25, for account of office expenses.

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March 8th A. BLAIR, CLERK OF COUNCIL.

In council - Martin Oster, Esquire, Vice-consul of France, having certified to the  
Martin Oster Decree Executive in due form of law, that he had taken cognizance of a certain controversy arising between the Messieurs Alexis Francois, Joseph Dauchy, Merchant, and subject of his most Christian Majesty, represented by his brother Mr. Pierre Francois Dauchy, complainant, and the Messrs. Adrien Wiscart, and Augustin de Neuville, likewise merchants and subjects of his most Christian Majesty, defendants, and on the 10th day of September, 1788, had determined the same by condemning the defendants to render good sufficient accounts of their management of the cargoe of the ship St. Allegonde, belonging to the complainants, and to pay him the balance together with the whole costs of suit, &c., within five months from which notice of this sentence shall be given to the Mr. Peter Robert de Neuville their representative, under penalty of being constrained thereto, and imprisoned; and the said Martin Oster, Esquire, having required aid for executing the said determination. It is advised that an order issue to the Sheriff of Hanover County to execute, or aid and assist in executing such determination, according to the Act of the General Assembly, in that case made & provided.

Governor advised to execute it  
Writ to Sheriff of Hanover Co. Virginia—to-wit:  
To the Sheriff of Hanover County:

In pursuance of the foregoing advice of the council of State, I do hereby order you, the said sheriff, to execute or aid and assist in exe-

cuting the above-mentioned determination and sentence: provided that the manner of executing the same does not extend to life or member of the said Adrian Wiscart and Augustin de Neuville. And I do moreover direct that you endorse on this order the manner in which you shall have executed it. 1790. March 8th

Given under my hand as Governor & under the seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, this 8th day of March, 1790.

[Seal.]

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Memorandum.

April 24th, 1790.

Be it Known to all whom it may Concern, that I, Wm. Anderson, sheriff of Hanover county, did on ye day and date above mentioned (agreeable to ye within orner), take into my custody ye Body of Adrian Wiscart, one of ye defendants therein named, Augustin de Neuville, ye other defendant being no inhabitant of my Bailewick, ye s'd Wiscart being now in my custody.

Sheriff's  
return

Given under my hand, this 1st day of May, 1790.

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SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 12th

Asking permission of the Governor and Board to employ a young man to assist him in his office at his own expense, and for whose good conduct he will answer.

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COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 12th

Stating that he had heretofore informed him that he found it necessary to place the papers in the possession of the different offices, fearing difficulty, if longer retained. Many of the papers are not fully stated, and he had not sufficient time to arrange fully the evidence. Has lately received another box of vouchers, but can not at present make use of them, but will when Congress makes some regulations in regard to the further admission of Evidence.

New York  
Claims

He is now engaged in selecting his charges for the examination of the Commissioner of Army accounts, for the bounties, pay & depreciation of the Army and advances to the militia. Wants all papers of this description sent as fast as safe opportunities occur, as the Commiss'r is of liberal sentiments, and as yet has taken no steps to ascertain the papers presented, and as he occasionally withdraws numbers of them, without any stipulations, thinks it will not be difficult to obtain admission for any

Commis-  
sioner  
of Army  
accounts

1790. evidence which may come to hand within the next two months when  
 March 12th the examination will begin. Congress will not probably do anything in  
 Shawanese regard to the Virginia accounts for several weeks. He has suggested to  
 the Virginia representatives the different desiderata necessary to be  
 attended to in the Bill providing for the State debts. He has all the  
 papers relating to the Shawnese Expedition, and shall be attended to  
 when Congress is discussing our matters.

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March 12th THOS. LEE, JR., TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Dumfries Informing him of the death of Hon'l Wm. Grayson this day. Alex.  
 Wm. Gray- Henderson in letter to the governor, dated Mch. 13th, sends intelligence  
 son died of his death also.

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March 13th ROBERT PORTERFIELD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Enclosing an account of his Expenses incurred while collecting vouch-  
 Vouchers ers for Col. Davies in the counties of Augusta, Rockingham, & Rock-  
 bridge, being a part of District No. 8; also the acc't of John Johnston's  
 expenses while collecting same in North Carolina, South Carolina, &  
 Georgia.

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March 13th J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Stating that the list of pensioners lately sent to the Secretary of War  
 Pensioners contains only the sums paid by Virginia to Cont. pensioners from Jan.  
 1, 1786, to Jan. 1st, 1789. The alterations made by the Executive in  
 the allowances of 1789 affecting the annuity of that year, does not, nor  
 should they appear in that list. Thinks perhaps that it would be proper  
 to furnish a list of those alterations, but doubts whether any augmenta-  
 tion allowed here after Congress assumed to provide for the pensioners,  
 will be regarded by the Secretary of War.

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March 15th DAVID MASON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sussex Stating that he rec'd his Excellency's letter requesting him for full  
 Militia or- information by deposition in relation to the Militia ordered from this  
 dered from state to South Carolina in 1779. Being in possession of nearly all the  
 Virginia to  
 South Caro-  
 lina

papers relating thereto, he thinks that a clear verbal statement before the Council would be more satisfactory, and desires to learn his Excellency's views on this matter. The troops returned to the Southward, received each private & non-commissioned officer 3 bushels of salt as a bounty.

1790.

March 15th

Bounty

STOTT & DONALDSON TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 18th

Asking him to pay to Wm. Mitchell, the sum of 33½ dollars, which they are advised by Col. Wm. Davies he had written to the Governor to do.

Petersburg

HARRY HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 18th

Enclosing a statement of the tobacco received from the Treasury, and the amount sold. The Amount of Warrants still due from the purchasers of Tobacco is £7,253, 0s, 6d., and Specie £13,434, 13s, 11½d., making in the whole £20,688, 0s, 6½d., agreeing with the statement rendered on Monday last.

Richmond

Tobacco

statement

The accounts show for the year preceding this date, the total am't of Public Tobacco sold to be 4,296 Hogsheads; total am't brought in Specie, - - - - - £31,062, 0s, 3½d.  
Warrants, - - - - - 9,264, 11, 11½

£40,326, 12s, 3d.

JOHN ROBERTS, JAILOR, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 19th

Informing him that Wm. Brown and Elijah Newston (white), and LeRoy Nickens (free mulatto) confined for felony, had broken jail through negligence of the guard. The two whites are retaken, but the mulatto is still at large. Desires to know if the expenses of recapture & advertising paid out of his own pocket will be refunded him.

Northum-

berland Co.

Wm. Brown,

Elijah New-

ston, and Le-

Roy Nickens

Broke jail

THE MEMBERS OF NOTTOWAY COURT TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 19th

Petitioning for the pardon of Joe, a negro slave, who was tried and convicted and sentenced to death at February court last, for plotting the murder of his master, Mr. W. P. Robertson, by poisonous medicines.

Nottoway

1790.

JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 20th Richmond Magistrate's oath to support the constitution of United States All State officers

This is an opinion on the question submitted to him by the Executive upon an Enquiry from the clerk of Cumberland Co., in regard to whether magistrates appointed or chosen previously to Aug. 1st, 1789, should take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States. He considers the Constitution of the United States the supreme law of the land, the judges in Every State bound thereby, regardless of the laws and Constitutions of the several individual states. Congress has passed this law, and in his opinion the letter and spirit both clearly mean that all the officers of the state appointed or chosen previously to Aug. 1st, 1789, & those then in office shall take the prescribed oath within one month after Aug. 1st, 1789, in order to give all ample time to comply with the law. Those to be appointed or chosen hereafter, of course to take the prescribed oath before entering upon the duties of their offices.

March 20th

MAJOR J. PRYOR TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond

Enclosing as accurate a statement as possible of the Military Stores issued, during the time he acted as Commissary.

March 22d

RAWLEIGH COLSTON TO HONORABLE GENERAL JAS. WOOD.

No place given Samuel Parsons Martinique

Sale of Prize to Brig Musquitto

Sir,

I received your letter respecting the money which Mr. Samuel Parsons of St. Pierre, in the Island of Martinique, was impowered by the Executive to recover; and in answer thereto, must inform you, that immediately on the receipt of the powers of attorney & Mr. Henry's letter, I forwarded them to Mr. Parsons by different Conveyances: since which I have heard nothing from him, tho' I have no doubt of his having received the papers. This debt originated from the sale of a prize to the brig Musquitto, Capt. Harris. I was once requested by the State Agent to liquidate this business, but having no correspondent in the Island of Guadalupe, where the prize was sold, I addressed myself to Mr. Parsons, who as the successor of Mr. Bingham, I believe Considered himself as the Agent for this State in the Island of Martinique. It was in Consequence of this I presume, that he applied to me, to procure him power from the government to recover the money. I will again write to Mr. Parsons & Communicate the result to the Executive.

I am Sir, your mo. obt. Ser.

ALEXANDER MOSELEY, CLERK OF COURT, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ. 1790.

Certifying that at a quarterly session Court held this day:

Present—Robert Taylor, Esq., Mayor George Kelly, James Taylor, Benjamin Pollard, Cary H. Hansford, and Paul Loyall, Gent'n Aldermen, recommend Rich'd Evers Lee for Recorder, in the room of Edmond Randolph, who hath declined to accept that Appointment; also, Donald Campbell, Esq., for alderman in the room of Richard Evers Lee.

March 24th  
Norfolk  
Borough  
Recom-  
mend  
Richard E.  
Lee for  
Recorder

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 25th

Stating that from some official occurrences, he finds that an opinion prevails among the public collectors, that under the XI. sect. of XLII. chap. of the Acts of Assembly, they are at liberty to discharge the arrearages of taxes due for 1785-6-7, in facilities or Tobacco, without the returns, required by the laws which regulated the collections for those particular years; from a cursory reading of the law, he thought it a mistaken opinion & refused to permit any payments otherwise than in the manner prescribed by the former laws. But upon reading the paragraph more attentively, he owns that he has some doubts whether the Legislature did not intend to dispense totally with such returns in future, as he wishes this law to receive such an interpretation as will coincide with the probable intention of the Legislature, and accord at the same time with the public interest, he hopes this subject will be laid before council and that they will direct him how to proceed under the clause referred to.

Richmond  
Public  
collectors  
Taxes due  
for 1785-7

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 25th

Informing him that he finds his health so far impaired, as to render a recess from business indispensably necessary. He trusts that his absence from his office will meet with the Executive's permission.

Mr. Sam. Shepard, who has been with him a considerable time, is not only conversant with the business, but he will continue to give him every necessary instruction for its execution, and also endeavor to increase his natural exertions by an additional allowance out of his own salary.

Richmond  
Health im-  
paired,  
recess re-  
quired  
Samuel  
Shepard



1790. JOHNSON TABB, CLERK OF ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 26th Elizabeth City County Certifying that Benjamin Bryan is Escheator for said County by virtue of a commission from the Governor, dated Feb. 12, 1790, and that he qualified to said commission M'ch 26, 1790.

March 26th A. DONALD TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond Mr. Brown Stating that the scarcity of current money has become so great that Mr. Brown will not be able to comply with his engagement to Mr. Heth without great difficulty and sacrifices. He trusts that the Governor will extend the same indulgence to Mr. Brown as he has to others in his situation.

March 26th JAS. TAYLOR TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Norfolk Marine Hospital Town of Washington Contract Enclosing the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor to contract for the building of a Marine Hospital in the town of Washington; also a copy of the contract, with Robert Boreland for building said hospital, dated May 8th, 1788; the whole building to be completed on or before the last day of November, 1789, according to the plans & specifications cited in said contract.

Commissioners Contractor This paper is signed by the commissioners James Taylor, Thos. Newton, Jr., Josiah Parker, John Boush, Edward Archer, and John Cowper; also by the contractor Robert Boreland.

March 26th SAM. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

Richmond Sheriffs Enclosing returns of delinquent Sheriffs for 1785-6, of Jno. Lawrence, of Hanover, Jas. Ewell, of Prince William, Newman Brockinborough, of Essex; Lawrence Baker, of Isle of Wight, property levied on, but could not be sold for want of bidders.

March 29th SAM SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

Richmond Jas. Upshaw Sheriff of Caroline Delinquent Petition for relief from damages Making a return of the execution against James Upshaw, Sheriff of Caroline, delinquent for the arrearages of the Certificate taxes of 1785 & 1786, with a petition from said Upshaw, praying to be relieved from the damages, as the principal cost, and part, if not all the Common interest is paid, and that the said taxes could not have been collected earlier from the people of Caroline without greatly distressing them.

## ROBERT PORTERFIELD TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Informing him that Col. Chas. Cameron, who acted as a District Commissioner, will hand him papers proving a considerable part of the supplies which came thro' his hands while so acting. He will also hand him Copies of Col. Sampson Matthews' accounts, which he took the trouble of copying. Col. Matthews says that it was understood between Col. Davies and himself that he was to receive compensation for copying so large an account. If so, he is entitled to the compensation.

March 29th  
No place  
given  
Col. Charles  
Cameron  
accounts  
Col. Samp-  
son Mat-  
thew's  
accounts

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 1st

Reporting that the County Lieuts. of Gloucester, Middlesex, Henrico, Halifax, Campbell and Southampton have returned the militia strength of their counties. Those of Orange and Middlesex certify that they have received no monies by virtue of their offices. Col. Joseph Hobson of 2d Regt. of Halifax, Lt. Col. Bernard Markham of Chesterfield, & Major Pamplin of Amherst, have resigned. The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Major Pamplin has been filled.

Council  
office  
Militia  
returns

## JAMES INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 4th

This seems to be an opinion given in answer to an enquiry from the Governor, whether he had a right to withhold his signature from patents in which the grantees claimed, under the latitude expressed in their Patents, the property over the waters of James river flowing between the Rocky Islands. Two, at least, of his predecessors, Mr. Jefferson & Mr. E. Randolph signed Patents of a similar nature, and both learned in the law. But from the short consideration of the subject, he is free to confess that he has his doubts but that the waters flowing between the said Rocky Islands are a commons, belonging to and subject to the free use of all the citizens of this Commonwealth and indeed of the United States, and also whether they are not within the intent, Spirit and meaning of the Land law; and he is doubtful whether he as Governor of the State, is at liberty to enquire *judicially* into the propriety & legality of such grants. However, should prior rights be contravened by these patents there can be no question that they can be legally set aside and rendered null and void. Upon these grounds he leaves it to the better judgment of the Governor and Council to determine upon the propriety of affixing his official signature or not. He has no doubt that patents may issue to embrace such rocky Islands as are

Richmond  
Patents  
James River  
Rocky  
Islands  
Free to all

1790. evidently prominent above the face of the waters in their medium and  
 April 4th common flowing, and such as do not properly appertain to the *bed of the river*, but more, he cannot advise positively until these questions shall have undergone formal adjudications.

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April 5th

SAM COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Council  
office

Reports that he has examined the accounts of Elias Langhan, Supt. of the Post, at Point of Fork, for the quarter ending March 31st. He finds £136, 19s. due the Supt. and artificers, and £72, 12s. due the guard. There is still £34, 8 pence in Supt's hands. Estimates for clothing for the year 1790 amount to £67, 14s., 4d. which is submitted together with a contract for furnishing the Post with provisions.

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April 8th

FRANCIS PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Wythe Co.  
Enoch  
Osborne  
for Magis-  
trate

Informing him, that in transcribing the names of the magistrates from the list sent him by the clerk, the name of Enoch Osborn was by mistake omitted, and he was not commissioned. If not improper, would be glad if he would send on his commission. Also, that Capt. Newell, who has received the appointment of Sheriff for Wythe County cannot serve, being about to remove from the County; he recommends

Wm. Love  
for sheriff

Wm. Love, Esq. for that office, as a proper person, he being one of the magistrates commissioned by the Council.

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April 8th

WM. J. VERCKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

No place  
given

Requesting an order for £8 till he completes the business that he has put into his hands.

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April 10th

SAM. SHEPARD TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Richmond

Requesting an order on the Treasury for £35 on account, to defray expenses of riders with Executions against public delinquents.

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April 12th

ARTHUR THORNTON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Caroline  
Militia fines

Informing him that the Militia fines for Caroline County had been put into the hands of the sheriff, as the law directed for collection. He

has made repeated application to him, but cannot get a shilling. - He has at last given him notice that he would move against him. His deputies say the people will not pay, & many assert that it is contrary to Law for distress to be made. Some are of opinion that he, Thornton, is the sole cause for pressing for the fines. He is anxious to do his duty to his country, and also avoid the censure of his county, and asks that his Excellency will give him express commands as to proceedings in the matter.

1790.

April 12th

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JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 12th

Asking for the pardon of James Johnston, Convicted of Burglary, and sentenced to be hanged on May 14, 1790, by the District Court of Richmond. Being a young man, a foreigner and stranger, convicted on his own confession, after hopes of a pardon had been held out to him; besides the two partners in his guilt and equally criminal were acquitted for the want of evidence. Thinks that this is a case of executive mercy.

Richmond  
Petition for  
the pardon  
of James  
Johnston

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WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 12th

Informing him that Mr. Minor has delivered the plank and scantling for the Capitol roof, agreeable to his contract, and asks that £260 be furnished to pay this account, which includes a small balance due Mr. Minor on last year's acc't.

Richmond  
Plank for  
capitol roof

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H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE HONORABLE HARRY INNES, DISTRICT JUDGE OF KENTUCKY.

April 13th

Stating that from recent information received, the Indians still continue their depredations on the frontiers. He encloses the same authority and discretionary power in regard to employing Scouts for Kentucky, as were sent on M'ch 3d to the Governor of the western Territory, or, in his absence, Brig. Gen'l Harmar.

War office  
Indian  
troubles in  
Kentucky  
Employing  
scouts

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WM. TATHAM TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

April 13th

Sir,

I received yours (without date) with Hutching's map, the Report on the Pennsylvania Line, and the following Extracts of the several acts for creating and dividing the Counties in the western parts of Virginia, viz:

No place  
given

1790. The county of Fincastle divided into three distinct counties—Kentuckie, Washington, & Montgomery.  
 April 13th The Boundary between Augusta & West Augusta established.  
 Counties made and The county of Ohio established.  
 lines altered The county Yohiogania established.

The county of Monongalia established.  
 An alteration of the county line between Washington & Montgomery; Greenbriar county taken from Bottetourt, and part of Bottetourt added to Montgomery.

Part of Augusta added to Hamshire; Rockingham formed of part of Augusta, and Rockbridge of part of Augusta and Bottetourt.

Part of Augusta added to Monongalia.

Kentuckie divided into three distinct counties—Jefferson, Fayette, and Lincoln.

Part of Augusta added to Monongalia.

Harrison taken from Monongalia.

Nelson taken from Jefferson.

Bourbon taken from Fayette.

Russell taken from Washington.

Yihogania destroyed by the Pennsylvania Line, and remainder added to Ohio county.

County of Lincoln divided into Three distinct counties—Mercer, Madison, & Lincoln.

Hardy taken from Hamshire.

Randolph taken from Harrison.

Pendleton formed out of parts of Augusta, Hardy, & Rockingham.

Mason taken from Bourbon.

Woodford taken from Fayette.

Kannaway form'd of Parts of Greenbriar and Montgomery.

Wythe taken from Montgomery county.

I have since found among the Papers of the Council, The Report and Survey of the Line extended by Walker & Smith between Carolina & Virginia. The Return of this on the Records of the Assembly seems to have been omitted on account of the Enemy's interruptions at that Time, preventing the Executive from laying it before the House; and it would be well, perhaps, that some step should be taken on this Head before the meeting of the *intended Commission* or any confirmation of the two states. These authorities, with the surveys of Potowmack, and maps in my own possession, will enable me to come as near your Excellency's request as any individual, but I am clearly of opinion it will at present be impracticable to answer the secretarie's expectations, for it will be essential that some Draftsman visit the premises in many Instances where neither the Drafts nor personal acquaintance of the best informed Inhabitants will be adequate to the necessary knowledge. I will, however, examine the materials in their proper order, and a conclusion may be drawn from the several notes and observations I shall make.

I will begin, first, with the county of Fincastle, which was the Frontier in July, 1776. I am not yet furnished with any extract by which this county was established or taken from the county of Bottetourt. I recollect something of its origin (the circumstance of Mr. Byrd's being appointed clerk of the court, will perhaps remind your Excellency). I think it contained all beyond the Alleghena mountains, and was the third Division of Antient or original Augusta, westward; But as the Frontier depended on several collaterell Transactions, Treaties, Lines, &c., I allways held its bounds ideal and indefinite in Law, and have observed a frequent difficulty between the sheriffs and Inhabitants on that account. But whatever its supposed bounds were, it is very clear it could never exceed Donaldson's Line, because that Line established by Donaldson (I think at the Treaty of Lochaber), was the extreme of the Antient Dominion of Virginia under the king's authority.

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April 13th  
Counties  
made and  
lines altered

In October, 1776, The county of Fincastle was divided into three distinct counties—Kentuckie, Washington, and Montgomery. It is practicable to trace *these* on Hutchings's map. At this Session the Boundary between Augusta and West Augusta was also established. But *all* the Maps, when compared with the respective Laws, are evidently erroneous in *these* parts, insomuch that even the beginning cannot be ascertained in any of them without very considerable amendments and alterations, nor does Hutchings contain the Rivers mentioned in *these* Boundaries—even Mr. Jefferson, himself, is so imperfect in what is partially laid down, that it will be necessary to view if not survey the premises.

The counties of Yohiogania, Monongahela & Ohio were also established at this session, but stand in a similar predicament.

In May, 1777, the Line between Washington & Montgomery was alter'd. This Line calls for the Lines of Bottetourt & Henry Counties, which are not furnished me. Many other places are mentioned, which I cannot myself ascertain without view, tho' tolerably acquainted there. The same session the County of Bottetourt was divided to create Greenbrier, and add to Montgomery. The Augusta and Bottetourt Line is here called for as a beginning. This I am not furnished with, but if I was, from thence courses and places are named, which fixes this County under similar inconveniences with the last, as they are not laid down in the Maps, and will be at best, a piece of incorrect guess work if laid down without a view. The addition to Montgomery is equally impracticable.

In October, 1777, part of Augusta was added to Hamshire. The county of Rockingham form'd of part of Augusta, and the county of Rockbridge of part of Augusta & Bottetourt. But I am not furnished with *these* extracts. In 1778, there seems to have been nothing done, as nothing is furnish'd of that year on the division or creation of counties. In May, 1779, part of Augusta is added to Monongalia, but the Lines are entirely impracticable on Hutchings or Jefferson.

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Both must be erroneous in these parts, as neither agree with the Division Line. Mr. Jefferson seems here indebted to Hutchings for errors. This case will require a view or survey.

In October, 1779, Kentuckie is divided into three distinct counties—Jefferson, Fayette and Lincoln; but Hutchings has omitted many of the principal Rivers, and is so very erroneous that it is impossible to do anything with him short of correcting the greatest part of his map, for I do not find anything to be depended on but his main work of the Ohio, which, as far as my knowledge extends on information, has a tolerable appearance. Gen'l Weedon carried away a Rough manuscript done by Col. Todd and myself in 1780, which contained these three counties with the Boundaries delineated; perhaps the Executive might command this on application to Him. In May, 1780, part of Augusta was added to Monongalia, but this is impracticable on Hutchings. From this time till May, 1784, I am furnish'd with no materials. I conclude nothing of this kind was done in that space.

1784, May—Harrison taken from Monongaha, but cannot possibly be laid down on Hutchings. He is erroneous, and on too small a scale for the object.

1784, October—Nelson taken from Jefferson; impracticable on Hutchings for reasons given under Title Jefferson.

1785, October—Bourbon taken from Fayette. This is situated as the last is.

Same session, Washington & Russell divided; here Hutchins might be corrected to answer tolerably, but the scale is too small to give a perfect idea of the country. The same session, (October, 1785,) Yohiogania county is destroyed by the extention of the Pennsylvania Line, and a residue thereof is added to Ohio. Hutchings here appears to be exceedingly erroneous, and the Report of the Commissioners on the Pennsylvania Line equally as imperfect. The first has misplaced the Rivers, creeks, & objects—The Latter wholly omitted them, and have only told us "they cut vistas and planted Posts," (which marks their language intimates). We may find on the Premises, if we trace Mason's & Dixon's Latitude of the Pennsylvania Line, a certain number of Degrees of Longitude; certainly this Report ought to have been accompanied with a survey of the Line, such as the one of the Southern Boundary returned by Daniel Smith, which is the only accurate mode of conveying to official Bodies or futurity, a distinct idea on the subject.

The same session the counties of Mercer and Maddison are taken from Lincoln—These cannot be laid down on Hutchings for the Reasons before given. They will require a view or survey. This same session, the county of Hardy is taken from Hamshire. I am furnished with the extract, and it might be traced on Fry and Jefferson or my Copy of Gilpin's survey by making some small amendments, but I apprehend this is not within the Secretarie's request.

1786, October—Randolph is taken from Harrison. This cannot be traced accurately on any of the Mapps—a sketch might be shewn on Hutchings, if connected by a person well acquainted with the parts, but His scale is too small for anything but a general Draft of so extensive a country. 1790. April 13th Counties made and lines altered

1787, Oct'r—Pendleton is form'd out of Augusta, Hardy, & Rockingham, but this county being dependant on the other, cannot be traced on Hutchings or any other of the Maps.

1788, October—Mason was taken from Bourbon; Woodford from Fayette; Kannaway from Greenbriar & Montgomery; & 1789, October—Wythe from Montgomery; but these are all under similar circumstances with the last, and therefore cannot be delineated.

I now come to the Report of Messrs. Walker & Smith of the Carolina Line, which notwithstanding the dispute of about Two miles parrallel, has more merit than any other public work in my possession. But it will be much easier to form a new map, than to correct the errors of Mr. Hutchings, even as to this Line, and we must be content to acknowledge his credit for a general Draft which contains amidst his inaccuracies many valuable truths.

I trust your Excellency will pardon me for being more lengthy on this Report than I cou'd have wish'd, and will excuse the Time that has elaps'd on account of indisposition and unavoidable interruptions of public meetings and private Business. At all events I thought it useless that you or myself should advise the Secretary of War of the impracticability of His Request, without ascertaining the several difficulties; for when they are made known at the Federal Seat, they will lead to an enquiry into the subject mentioned in my Letter to Mr. Jefferson, and will shew the necessity of this Department being suited officially to the extent of our country and its military security, as well as the prosperity of our Peace establishments. I would not, however, have it understood that I am carveing Business for myself. Certain I am it must be done by somebody, and the sooner the better; therefore, that the Country may have the imediate benefit, I will at any time chearfully pursue the object, requiring nothing but necessaries, and leaving the rest to the President's decision. If I might be permitted to add my opinion of the best arrangement to accomplish the wish'd for end, I shou'd propose the most perfect Theorist we can get to be named in a Comission with myself, with powers to call the county surveyors to our assistance. I shall do myself the honor to call on your Excellency shortly, that we may have an oportunity of conversing on whatever may occur.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obt. H. Serv't.



1790.

JOSEPH HOWELL, JR., PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

April 13th      Certifying that the list annexed is a true copy of the original re-  
 New York      turn of subsistence due the officers of the late line of Virginia, amount-  
                     ing to \$5030 88-90, as reported by the late Paymaster-General to the  
 Pay office      Commissioners of the late Board of Treasury, also the amount of  
 Subsistence      \$17261, 76-90 specie pay due the non-commissioned officers and privates  
 due officers      of the said late line of Virginia, as reported by the said late Paymaster-  
 of Virginia      General to the said Commissioners of the said board of Treasury.  
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 Specie due      of the said late line of Virginia, as reported by the said late Paymaster-  
 non-com-      General to the said Commissioners of the said board of Treasury.  
 missioned      officers and  
 officers and      privates of  
 privates of      said line

April 14th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

War office      Informing him that by direction of the President, he transmits him  
                     copies of letters written to the Governor of the Western Territory, or  
                     in his absence to Brigadier General Harner, and to Judge Innes. He  
                     states that letters have also been written to the Lieutenants of Harrison,  
                     Randolph, Ohio, Monongahalia, and Kanawha Counties on the 13th  
                     instant, investing them with a similar authority to call out Scouts not  
                     exceeding eight men.

He says these letters will show his Excellency the species of pro-  
 tection which have been afforded the frontier counties of Virginia, at  
 the expense of the United States. The arrangement directed is to be  
 considered as a temporary expedient, until the President can take other  
 measures of a more general and decisive nature.

April 15th      COLONEL GEORGE CLENDINEN, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF KANAWA, TO  
                     GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Kanawha      Enclosing a letter from Robert Rankins, of Kantuckey, directed to  
 Robert      Col. Thomas Lewis at the mouth of Kanawa, representing many depreda-  
 Rankins      tions lately committed by the Indians, also his letter enclosing the  
 Thos. Lewis      same to him. He says that it is unnecessary for him to mention any-  
 Indian      thing respecting their situation other than they are collected in bodies,  
 depredations      and wait the moment when the savages will make a formidable attack  
 Waiting for      to depopulate our settlements on the Ohio and Kanawa. Mr. Rankin's  
 the attack      notice was forwarded to Col. Lewis by subscription, and that from  
                     Lewis to him by a person hired for that purpose. He has also hired a  
                     man to carry it to Greenbrier Court House, expecting that it will meet  
                     with a speedy conveyance from thence to Richmond by the Post. From  
                     the mouth of Kanawa to Greenbrier C. House, is one hundred and sixty  
                     miles.

## JOHN ROBERTS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1790.

Stating that he had taken care of the two prisoners, Wm. Brown and Elijah Newsten, also their guard during the whole of the winter. The District law seems to make no provision for the keeping of the prisoners under the jurisdiction of that court. In fact there is no District jail in his county. This expense has been very hard on him, and he desires the Governor to afford him such relief as is just and proper.

April 15th  
Northum-  
berland  
Wm. Brown  
and Elijah  
Newsten

## II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 15th

Informing him that his favors of the 10th, 17th and 26th of March last were received. In regard to Mr. Langham's report concerning the powder of the United States at New London; it has determined him to draw both powder and lead from the arsenal at West Point, on Hudson's River, which will be transported to Richmond, to the orders of his Excellency, as soon as a convenient opportunity offers.

War office  
United  
States pow-  
der at New  
London  
West Point

He thankfully acknowledges the information from Mr. Langham, in respect to the state of the other stores, but apprehends that no efficient measures can be taken for the present for the reparation of the arms and other stores at New London, nor for a proper disposition of the same; the important business in which the Congress is engaged will probably prevent them from taking up any new business this session. The arrangements of the arsenals and Magazines will most probably be deferred until next session.

Arsenals and  
magazines

The payment of the invalids, whose pensions had been increased by his Excellency during 1789 will be conformed accordingly, he having issued his warrant for that purpose. The arrearages mentioned by his Excellency, as due to the invalids previously to the 4th of March last, will most probably be provided for by Congress this session, at least their opinion of the manner in which the said arrears are to be paid will be taken.

Invalid  
pensions  
Arrearages

The claim of John Skurry has been put into a train of investigation, with the other claims sent by his Excellency on December 31st last past. The said claims have passed one, and are undergoing a second examination, and the result shall be transmitted to his Excellency. Such of them as will be a subject of petition to Congress will be submitted accordingly, and those peculiarly belonging to the State will be returned.

John Skurry  
Other claims

From the Commissioners of the Marine Hospital, containing several resolutions in regard to the work progressing on said Hospital, and the payment on account of funds to Thomas Borland, the contractor.

April 17th  
Norfolk

1790. A. MERCER TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, GOVERNOR, AND THE HONORABLE,  
THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

April 22d This is a memorial in behalf of Lady Mary Peyton, relict of the late  
Lady Mary Sir John Peyton, Baronet; High Sheriff of the County of Gloucester,  
Peyton stating that the Chancellor had proceeded to a judgement against the  
Sir John estate of the said Sir John Peyton for the taxes, and interest due  
Peyton, high for the whole of the year. That the said John Peyton had used all  
sheriff of diligence, and secured judgements against Mrs. Ann Fox and Mrs. Eliza-  
Gloucester beth Whiting, whose several Testators were securities for William  
Duval, Richard W. Royston and James Jones, his deputies, for the full  
amount of the taxes recovered against him as High Sheriff.

Wm. Duval, That the solicitor having sued out executions on the judgements  
Richard W. against Sir John, Sir John sued out execution on his judgements against  
Royston, & the said Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Whiting, by virtue of which executions, the  
James Jones, deputies estates of Sir John, as well as those of the Testators of Mrs. Fox and  
Whiting were offered for sale, and upon the executions, were returned,  
not sold for want of buyers. That the estates being all in the hands of  
the same sheriff, it was his intention, as well as duty, to proceed against  
the estate of the said Sir John, unless the estates in the hands of Mrs.  
Fox and Mrs. Whiting should fall short, a circumstance next to impos-  
sible and not suspected, therefore, the said Sir John rested satisfied,  
being as secure from loss as legal diligence could make him.

That before any further proceedings could be had, Mrs. Fox and Mrs.  
Whiting applied to the General Assembly in November last, and for  
reasons offered the Legislature, were graciously pleased not only to remit  
to the said Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Whiting all damages and interest arising on  
the taxes due from the said Duval, Royston & Jones, (which they  
ordered to set off against the Commonwealth's judgment against the  
High Sheriff), but the said Legislature were pleased to resolve and  
order, that all proceedings on the several executions against the said  
Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Whiting should be suspended until the first day of  
October ensuing.

That notwithstanding these proceedings of the assembly, the solicitor  
conceiving that he was not justified in suspending the Commonwealth's  
Executions against Sir John Peyton, because the words of the Resolve  
according to strict language did not include his Executions, was pleased  
to sue out in the month of March last, writs of rendition & directed to  
the sheriff of Gloucester, whereby he is commanded to proceed in the  
sale of the Estate of the said John Peyton to the full amount of the  
Commonwealth's judgment against him, and for ready money at any  
price the Estate will fetch. That the said sheriff was about to proceed  
in the said sale, when he was advised by counsel that the legality of the  
said sale was doubtful, and it would be safest to wait to the last day of  
return. The said sheriff did postpone the sale in order to give the said

Sir John time to take good counsel on the subject & to apply to the proper Tribunal for his redress. That the said Sir John being about to set out to make his application to his Excellency & their Honors, whom he was advised had the power in this case equal to, but more expeditious than the chancellor, was taken suddenly ill on the 25th day of March last, and died in the space of one hour.

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April 22d

That this unfortunate family are in great affliction, and the operations of the executions being in full force, have so alarmed the friends of the deceased, that the Executors of the will have actually refused to undertake the executorship, unless the execution can be suspended until Sir John's estate can have the benefit of the executions against Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Whiting. In consequence there is not, nor can there be any representative of Sir John, who can legally apply to his Excellency or the chancellor so early as this case requires. He therefore conceives it to be his duty to this unhappy family to lay this case before his Excellency and Honors, whom he conceives have ample power to afford relief upon information of the facts, without waiting for the application of a legal representative, or any other legal requirements which might be necessary to give the chancellor jurisdiction. Then follows some arguments to prove the illegality of the Legislative proceedings, which he thinks will beyond the possibility of a doubt induce the chancellor to enjoin all further proceedings against Sir John's Estate, until the suspension shall be taken off from his executions against Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Whiting.

Mrs. Fox  
and Mrs.  
Whiting

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COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

April 22d

Stating that he begun not long since with the Auditor of the Treasury, an examination of the specific account of Virginia. They soon found that no distinction had been made between the documents of collection and those of issues, and that an entire destruction of vouchers from the accounts & returns to which they once belonged, had taken place without regard to laws, dates, objects, counties, or agents. This will necessarily require a re-examination of the papers, that new statements may be made. The commissioners he fears will become rather impatient, as it has hitherto been difficult to arrange Virginia claims, owing to the great irregularity of the business. Under the circumstances, it will be impossible to dispense with the assistance of either of his clerks.

New York  
Virginia  
claims

1790. **NEWMAN BROCKENBROUGH TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ., AND THE  
HONORABLE THE COUNCIL.**

April 23d Praying to be relieved of the 15 per cent. damages which he has in-  
Richmond curred as sheriff of Essex Co., for a balance of Revenue and certificate  
15 per cent. Tax for 1785. This judgment was obtained against him in 1786, and  
damages laid dormant till 1789, when execution was issued thereupon. He de-  
Essex Co. clares that he was totally ignorant of any such judgment being obtained  
against him, and from the assurances of his deputies was firmly under  
the belief that he was not in arrears. From the accompanying acct.  
from the solicitor's office, it will be seen that all his accounts have been  
paid up, and as the country has sustained no loss, and the delinquency  
proceeded from no intention of his to defraud, but entirely from his  
ignorance of his situation & placing too much confidence in the sayings  
of his deputies, he hopes that his Excellency & Council will remit the  
said damages.

April 23d **JAMES EWELL, SHERIFF OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR  
RANDOLPH AND THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA.**

Petition setting forth that the public taxes could not be paid for the  
years 1785 & 1786, on account of the most unfavorable seasons for  
farming and cropping; that notwithstanding this frequent distresses  
had been made, but generally no sale, for want of bidders; that he had  
paid out of his own pocket £518, 3s, 1½d. for the Revenue, (besides cer-  
tificates, but large balances still remain due from individuals. He now  
offers of his own property, the further sum of 9,778 lbs. crop Tobacco,  
which he thinks sufficient to discharge the said taxes, (Except certificate),  
exclusive of Interest. He therefore prays that the Hon<sup>l</sup> Board will  
remit the damages unavoidably assessed on the said Taxes, in conse-  
quence of judgments obtained thereon. The tobacco may be received  
at the prices affixed by law, without the formality of an order of Court,  
and for the Interest, if necessarily required, and he may have a reason-  
able time given for the payment, from the balances still remaining due  
in the said collection.

Yolverton Peyton, deputy sh<sup>ff</sup>, certifies that Col. James Ewell, late  
sheriff, has put into his hands for collection the books of his sheriffalty  
for 1785-1786, and that there appears thereon to be due £492, 12s, 10d.  
for the Revenue, and £323, 4s, 7d. certificate; 15,610 lbs. Tobacco for  
levies, for the collection of which he is allowed 7 pr. ct., and that fre-  
quently no sales are made on distresses for want of bidders.

LIEUT. JOHN WOODSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Stating that Matt. Cox was fined by a court of Enquiry held in April, April 20th 1788, ten shillings for not attending the November muster in 1787. He Cumberland does not remember crossing Mr. Cox at any time, and verily believes it a mistake.

GRESSITT DAVIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 26th

Informing him that he had handed his Excellency's letter to Col. R'd Elliot, who states that his counsel advises that nothing more than a copy of expenditures, issues, & impressments shall be furnished. That a copy of receipts for money, grain, &c., would constitute a legal claim against the estate of George Elliott for the amount, which he thinks cannot now be made out against it, as he apprehends the State books are lost on which those charges were made; but whether this is the case or not he is willing that every charge for expenditures & issues of grain & provisions, with every other thing furnished by his brother after the resignation of Col. Finnie, shall be made out and applied to the credit of this State in accounts with the United States, after discharging all charges which the United States has against him after that period, if any such there are, as he thinks the whole was done under the authority & with the money of this State.

Petersburg  
Colonel R'd  
Elliott  
Geo. Elliott

Being certain that the amount of payments and impressments of grain, beeves, &c., from the different counties was to a very capital amount, he suggests that the Executive receive those accounts and transmit them to Col. Davies at New York, accompanied by Col. Elliott's order for them, to be applied to the credit of this State. He will wait his Excellency's answer before opening the chest of public accounts & papers, & will then proceed in any manner his Excellency shall direct.

Col. Davies

JOHN HARVIE, DAVID ROSS, AND WM. FOUSHEE, DIRECTORS OF THE JAMES RIVER COMPANY TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 26th

Informing him that they have immediate occasion for money to meet their engagements, and requesting him to send an order on the Treasury for five pounds on each of the public shares agreeable to their requisition of December 29th, 1789.

James River  
Company  
5 pounds on  
each share

## 1790. THE DISTRICT COURT OF WINCHESTER TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 26th Informing him that Solomon Watson and James Ridly were convicted  
Winchester on the 15th inst. for horse-stealing, and sentenced to death, which is  
ordered to be executed on them on Friday, the 11th day of June.

Solomon They directed the clerk of the Court to transmit to his Excellency a  
Watson, Jas. copy of the record of their conviction, but lest some accident should  
Ridley prevent its receipt, they consider it incumbent on them to make this  
Horse-steal- report to the Executive.  
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## April 26th WILLIAM WHITLOCK, CLERK OF THE COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petersburg Certifying that Spencer Martin was convicted of horse-stealing at the  
District Court held in Petersburg on April 26, 1790, and sentenced to  
Martin be hung by the Sheriff of Dinwiddie County, on Friday, the 28th day  
Sentenced to of May next.  
be hung

Petitions for Accompanying this paper is a memorial from 74 of Martin's friends  
pardon and neighbors, living in Henry, Pittsylvania and Halifax Co., testifying  
to Martin's youth and subsequent good behavior since the felony was  
committed, and praying for his pardon. The jury which convicted him  
also join unanimously in a petition for Executive mercy.

## April 27th J. AMBLER, TREASURER.

Balance of Certifying that on this day, the whole amount of specie in the  
specie in Treasury, is £3,776, 7s, 2½d.

## April 27th JOSEPH MOORE, LATE SHERIFF OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF STATE.

Petition, praying to be relieved of the damages of 15 per cent, for  
taxes due and remaining unpaid for the year 1787, on account of the  
scarcity of provisions and the general distress of the people.

## April 28th HENRY TAZEWELL AND RICHARD PARKER TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Petersburg Inclosing a report ordered by and made to the District court on the  
Martin subject of the District prison, also inclosing the judgment of the court  
Spencer in the case of Spencer Martin, convicted of horse stealing. They know  
nothing of the character of this youth, except he was convicted upon  
satisfactory evidence.

SAM. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

1790.

Statement of account against Goodrich Willson, sheriff of Isle of Wight Co., for Revenue tax of 1784 amounting to £1,784, 13s, 1d, which was settled in full on this date. April 29th G. Willson, sheriff Isle of Wight

JNO. HOUSTON, SHERIFF OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA. April 29th

Stating that he had this day paid up in full the amount due for taxes & interest for the year 1786, as per statement from Solicitor's office, and praying to be relieved from the 15 pr. Ct. damages standing against him, as the distressed condition of the people would not allow an earlier settlement.

MR. OSTER TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

April 29th

Sir,

Mr. Pierre Francois Dauchy, of Hanover Town, has informed me that the order which you were pleased to accord him to compel Messrs. Adrien Wiscart & Augustin de Neuville to render him the accounts which they owe him, has never been executed against the said Augustin de Neuville by reason of his actual residence in the County of New Kent. And the said Dauchy requesting me to apply again to your Excellency to obtain in his behalf a new order executable against the said Augustin de Neuville in the county of New Kent, as well as in all the other counties in the State if possible. I have the honour, Sir, to request that you will do this expeditiously. He will be very much obliged, and I too shall be the same for your condescension. The duplicate of this letter you will receive through Mr. Dauchy.

Norfolk

I have the honor to be, with the most perfect respect,

Your very humble and very obedient servant.

HARRISON RANDOLPH, CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT OF BRUNSWICK, TO THE GOVERNOR. April 29th

Certifying that John Goodrum had been fined 400 pounds of tobacco for contempt of court in not answering to his name as a grand jurymen, Brunswick County



1790. after being summoned. Accompanying this paper is an affidavit from  
 April 29th several of his neighbors setting forth that they were present on muster  
 day, when Jno. Goodrum was summoned by the sheriff, and the question  
 arose as to the legality of the summons on that day—all coming to the  
 conclusion (the sheriff included) that it was not a legal summons.

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April 30th SAM. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jno. Black- Enclosing statements of accounts against John Blackwell for Revenue  
 well, Martin taxes of 1784 & 1785, and against Martin Pickett for the certificate tax  
 Pickett sher- of 1786 & Rev. Tax of 1787—these accounts being balanced.  
 iffs of  
 Fauquier

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No date; no  
 place

R. J. VANDEN BROEK, CLERK.

Schedule of pay and rations, agreeably to an act for regulating the  
 Military establishment of the United States, Approved April 30th, 1790:

Lieut. Col. Command't,	60	dollars	per	month,	6	rations	per	day.
Major,	40	"	"	"	4	"	"	"
Captain,	30	"	"	"	3	"	"	"
Lieutenant,	22	"	"	"	2	"	"	"
Ensign,	18	"	"	"	2	"	"	"
Surgeons,	30	"	"	"	3	"	"	"
Surgeon's mates,	24	"	"	"	2	"	"	"
Sergeants,	5	"	"	"	1	"	"	"
Corporal,	4	"	"	"	1	"	"	"
Private & musician,	3	"	"	"	1	"	"	"

The ration to consist of one pound of beef, or three quarters of a  
 pound of Pork, one pound of bread or flour. Half a gill of Rum or  
 brandy or whiskey; one quart of salt, Two quarts of Vinegar, Two  
 pounds of soap, one pound of candles for every hundred rations.

For 76 men—one captain, one Lieutenant, & one Ensign; for 50 men—  
 one Lieutenant, & Ensign; For 20 to 30 men—one Lieutenant or Ensign.

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April 30th THOMAS NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Norfolk Enclosing a return of the Militia of Norfolk Borough, which he  
 Militia is in hopes will soon increase to a Regiment of 500 men. He has never  
 been able to do anything with Capt. Brown's adm'rs in relation to the can-

non, but will retain the certificate until the State is satisfied. All the large cannon on his land are claimed by Col. Finney as belonging to the Continent, and he intends sending them to New York, but presumes he will lay the claims before his Excellency before doing so. He understood they belonged to the State, they have been a heavy expense to it, in bringing them from South Quay to Nansmond, and then to this place. As he had the care of them, he would be glad to have the Executive's opinion in the case. The State cannon lie scattered about this place, and as they are valuable and may some day be of use, he would suggest that they be collected and placed under cover, which he imagines would not cost more than £30 or £40.

1790.

April 30th  
Brown's  
admsrs.  
Large can-  
nons  
claimed by  
Col. Finney  
as contin-  
ental  
State cannon  
scattered  
about

At the bottom of this letter, Sam Coleman begs leave to inform his Excellency and the Honl., the Council, that, to appearance, there is a very valuable piece of iron cannon in the wood, within 300 yards of his house, about two miles from the Capitol, supposed to have been hid there during the invasion of the Commonwealth by Cornwallis. Without being moved it cannot be known whether it is spiked or not, but at all Events appears to be well worth the attention of the Executive.

Sam. Cole-  
man  
Iron cannon  
in his woods

Cornwallis

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ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 30th

Informing him that an order was made at last April Washington Court, recommending a number of persons to be added to the commis- sion of the peace. At the instance of several good citizens, he is induced to request his Excellency to postpone his decision in the matter, till an opportunity can be had to make a full representation to the Executive of the transaction, and adduce proof if necessary, that the measure apparently would be not only very improper, but prejudicial to the administration of justice.

Washington  
County  
Justices

He is happy to inform his Excellency, that the Boat with the ammuni- tion for the Chickasaws, has passed the Narrows or Whirl in the Tennessee and the lower Cherokee Towns without molestation, the apprehension now is for what may happen in getting through the Muscle Shoals.

Boat with  
ammunition  
for Chicka-  
saws passed  
the narrows  
of Tennessee

Militia returns from Pendleton, Northampton, Campbell, Chester- field, Princess Anne, Louisa, New Kent, Cumberland, Rockingham, Henry, Greenville and Norfolk borough; also the resignation of Capt. Ralph Pigot, of the Portsmouth Militia, have been received.

April 30th  
Militia  
returns

1790.

CAPTAIN E. LANGHAM TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 1st      Enclosing his quarterly returns of rations for 32 men—amounting to  
 Point of   £85, 16s, 4d. Sam. Coleman endorses the correctness of the account.  
 Fork

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May 1st

JOHN SWANN, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

R. Crump,      Petition showing that he undertook the collection of Taxes for 1786  
 sheriff      in Powhatan Co., under Rich'd Crump, Esq., sheriff; that tho' he used  
                  his best endeavors, he could not collect all the taxes within the time  
                  prescribed by law, owing to the distress of the people, caused by the  
                  loss of their wheat crops from the fly and other accidents. From the  
                  enclosed certificate it will be seen that the whole tax has here been paid  
                  with legal interest. He therefore prays that the sheriff may be relieved  
                  from the damages on the judgment against him.

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May 5th      WM. ANDERSON, SHERIFF OF HANOVER COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR AND  
    COUNCIL.

Hanover Co.      Showing that in obedience to an order of the council dated March 8th,  
 Adrien      1790, he had taken into his custody the body of Adrien Wiscart men-  
 Wiscart      tioned therein, but the process being entirely new and unknown to him,  
                  he feels himself entirely at a loss as to the proper mode of proceeding,  
                  and the return he should make on it. If it is intended to be an inter-  
                  locutory order only, he presumes the defendant may be relieved on rea-  
                  sonable bail; if it is an execution, he is placed still in a difficult situa-  
                  tion, because the order does not express to whom the accounts shall be  
                  rendered. If to himself he is not able to judge upon them or determine  
                  what that balance is, which is directed to be paid; if to any other per-  
                  son, he wishes that person named—viewing the process from the lan-  
 Consul      guage of the Consul's judgment to be intended as an Execution, tho' it  
                  has not that certainty requisite under our laws, he is about to commit  
                  the defendant to gaol; but this being a dangerous experiment and his  
                  situation critical, he prays further information, and that the nature of  
                  the process & the mode of execution may be explained by their Honors,  
                  that he may be thereby enabled to discharge his duty with safety to  
                  himself and propriety towards the parties.

GRESSITT DAVIS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1790.

Stating that he had received his letter of the 14th ult. Col. Elliott has gone home, but he will transmit him a copy of his Excellency's letter and of the auditor's extract from the state books against the United States for moneys charged, as furnished George Elliott, dec'd, and will inform his Excellency of his answer. Meantime he thinks it would not be amiss for his Excellency to urge a settlement, and inform him those books are not missing as he expected.

May 5th  
Petersburg  
Geo. Elliott,  
deceased

WM. JESSOP VEREKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Informing his Excellency that according to his directions he has examined the books and papers of Richard Claiborne, late Deputy Quartermaster of this State, and of his assistants, and selected therefrom the accounts, vouchers, and returns to be exhibited by this Commonwealth as claims against the United States.

May 5th  
Books, &c.  
of Richard  
Claiborne  
examined  
Claims  
against  
United  
States

James Keath, Clk District court, Giving list of the names of persons in the commission of the Peace for Frederick County, who sat on the bench within the last Twelve months, together with those removed out of the county, and those not qualified.

May 5th  
Frederick  
County

Charles M. Thurston, Isaac Lane, John Smith, Robert White, Joseph Holmes, Edward McGuire, Joseph Berry, Sheriff, James G. Dondall, Thomas Throckmorton, Joseph Longuire, William Holliday, not qualified, John S. Woodcock, David Kennedy, George Noble, Elisha Williams, Richard K. Meade, not qualified, Thomas Massie, Robert Mackey, William Helm, Ignatius Peary, not qualified, John Thurston, removed to Kentucky, Thomas Buck, Gerrard Briscoe, John Kean, Strother Jones, dead, Isaac Hite, Jun'r.

Justices

PETER WILLIAMS TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 6th

Informing him, that having been appointed clerk of this County Court, and having accepted the office, he will no longer be able to collect vouchers for the establishment of the claims of this State against the United States. He states that he signified his resignation to his Excellency on the 28th of April last. He now sends all the vouchers collected by him, by Capt. Gee. Capt. Gee, Mr. Peter Woodlief and Mr. Briggs Rives wish to be employed in this business, all men of good

Prince  
George  
Appointed  
clerk of  
court  
No longer  
able to  
collect  
vouchers

1790. character. He thinks that the district should be divided, and thereby  
 May 5th getting the business more quickly and better done. His papers and  
 Sends instructions will be delivered to whom his Excellency may appoint and  
 collections signify to him.

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May 7th SAM. J. CABELL, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF AMHERST COUNTY TO  
 THE GOVERNOR.

Soldier's Joy Enclosing Major James Pamplin's commission as major of Militia,  
 Major J. which he wishes to resign, on account of his inability to perform the  
 Pamplin's duties of so active an appointment, by reason of old age, and hopes that  
 resignation his Excellency will consider Major Pamplin's request reasonable.

Date of This commission is dated at Richmond, on May 6th, 1782, and signed  
 Commission by Governor Benjamin Harrison. He wishes the Governor to send up  
 the commissions for Harris and Crawford, as recommended by Amherst  
 Court.

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May 8th ALEXANDER HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO BEVERLY  
 RANDOLPH, ESQ., GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Treasury I have been duly honored with your letter of the 23d of february,  
 Department an acknowledgement of which has been postponed by very urgent  
 avocations connected with the Session of Congress. I am now to  
 inform you that Edward Carrington, Esquire, has been requested to  
 visit the Cape and make a selection of the spot, upon whose report to  
 you, it will be satisfactory that the cession be completed. This step  
 Edward Carrington to visit the Cape and select the spot has been indicated, in addition to what is mentioned in your letter, by a  
 representation that the spot formerly in contemplation of the State, is  
 Drifting peculiarly exposed to accumulations by the drifting of the sand, and  
 sand that care is necessary to avoid as much as possible this inconvenience.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,  
 Your Excellency's most obedt. & h'ble Servt.

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May 11th WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Informing him that the referees who were selected to settle the  
 Directors of difference existing between the Directors of Public Buildings and Samuel  
 Public Buildings and Samuel Dobie, respecting his claim for services as Surveyor of Public Build-  
 ings, have this morning given in their report. He now lays before the  
 Executive Dobie's original contract for making a safe, durable, and tight

roof on the Capitol, and his amount agreeable to the Resolution of last assembly. 1790.

On behalf of the Directors, he has to observe that his charge for carrying up the sand is not warranted by the contract, and the lumping article of £21 for mending the roof, requires proof and explanation. Mr. Kay, the plasterer, has set up claims for damages against the Directors, for damage done to his work by defects in the roof, which he has been obliged to repair. Thinks Mr. Kay should be examined as to the extent of the injury. He will attend on behalf of the Directors. Upon the settlement of accounts now made, there is due him for his services £26, 0s, 9d., as surveyor, to which will be added whatever sum the Executive thinks proper to allow him under his Contract for the Roof. A copy of the accts. with the upward, accompanies this letter. For the sum found due, the Executive will be pleased to grant an order to Mr. Dobie for a warrant on the Treasury.

May 11th  
Roof of  
Capitol  
Carrying up  
sand, &c.

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STEPHEN SAMPSON, LATE SHERIFF OF GOCHLAND COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. May 11th

Praying that he may be relieved from the damages awarded against him, on account of the arrearages of taxes for the year 1786; that the principal has nearly all been paid into the Treasury; that his real and personal estate has not only been levied on by the present sheriff, but actually offered for sale, but which owing to the short notice given, could not be sold for want of buyers; that if his personal property is removed to another county, it will be greatly injured and diminished in value; that in view of all the circumstances, he prays relief from the damages, but if that cannot be done, he trusts that the sale of the property may take place on his own plantation.

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ARMISTEAD RUSSELL TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONWEALTH. May 11th

A memorial showing that he acted as sheriff of New Kent Co., for 1787, by deputies; that he relied implicitly upon them to carefully collect and punctually pay the Amounts into the Treasury; that he did not interfere with them in their duties; that to his surprise he learns that he is in arrears, and the solicitor has obtained judgment against him; that the amount with damages, &c., will be between £900 & £1,000, and that if his property is now sold as threatened, he will be extremely distressed thereby. He therefore prays for such relief, as will enable him to take a reasonable time to collect and pay up without having to make immediate sacrifice of his property.

Sheriff of  
New Kent

1790.

## A. SINGLETON, AGENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

May 11th Statement of this fund on this day, viz:

State of the Sinking fund	Amt. of Specie drawn from the Treasury for the pur-			
	poses of the Sinking Fund, -	-	-	13,478, 12s, 6d.
	Amt. of Tobacco Rec'd from the Treasury for same			
	purpose, at rates it was sold, -	-	-	1,739, 19, 6
	Nett sum of Profit appears to be, -	-	-	99,629, 1, 1½
				£114,847, 13s, 1½d.
	Final settlements on hand, -	£27,	6s, 9d.	
	Military certificates on hand, -	102,889,	17, 2	
	Funded certificates " " -	420,	16, 5	
	Loan office certifs. " " -	3,349,	19, 1½	
	Indents " " -	485,	19, 4	
	Interest warrants on military			
	certificates on hand, -	5,791,	9, 10½	
	Specie on hand, -	1,882,	4, 6	
				£114,847, 13s, 1½d.

James McClurg & Carter Braxton certify that they have examined the books & papers of the agent, and specie in his hands, & find the above statement true.

May 11th

JAMES MADISON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

New York On the receipt of your letter on the subject of the Inspection law of  
Inspection Virginia, I communicated the matter to the Secretary of the Treasury.  
law He sees no impropriety in his giving the requisite instruction to the  
Custom-House officers; and having promised to do so, I shall decline an  
application to Congress.

State debts Since the late separation of the State debts from the national, the  
separated from House of Reps. has been chiefly employed on objects of the inferior  
from kind. Bills are now brought in for the intended provision for public  
National credit. They correspond in substance with the plan of the Secretary so  
Bills for pub- far as it relates to the national part of the debts. If the assumption of  
lic credit the state debts should not be revived, as we apprehend may be done, it  
is probable that a little time will now close the deliberations of the  
House of Reps. on the subject which has so long occupied them.

Encloses  
this morn-  
ing's papers

I inclose the papers of this morning, and have the Honor to be, with  
the highest respect & esteem, Sir,

Your most h'ble St.

WM. POLLARD, CLERK OF HANOVER COUNTY COURT.

1790.

Certifies that Peter Robert De Neuville and Adrien Wiscart, to the knowledge of the court being persons of good character, and having resided in the State upwards of two years, and now taking the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, agreeable to an act of Congress, are admitted to become citizens of the United States, which is ordered to be certified.

May 12th  
Peter Robert  
De Neuville  
Adrien  
Wiscart

WM. CLAYTON, CLERK OF NEW KENT COUNTY COURT.

May 13th

Certifies that Augustine De Neuville took the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and admitted to be a citizen of the United States.

PR. DE NEUVILLE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 13th

Sir,

As Mr. Semple has informed you, Mr. Wiscart and my brother Aug't De Neuville took the oath of allegiance before the Hanover Court on tuesday last, and in consequence, Naturalization papers have been accorded them; but Sir, as this act does not admit them to the citizenship of Virginia, and they desire to be such, under the privilege of the new law of Congress, a copy of which you were kind enough to have delivered to Mr. Semple, it was necessary to recommence the operation. Mr. Wiscart also, who was then on the spot, took a new oath on the last day of the Hanover Court, and I have the honor to send you here-with a certified Copy of his admission to citizenship according to the terms of the law of Congress. My brother who had returned home, was not able to repeat his oath at the same time, but he will do so at New Kent County Court, which commenced yesterday, and I shall likewise have the honor to send you his special certificate after the session of that Court, not being able to obtain it before. To this I shall add one for myself, because, having determined to remain here with my brother, I have equally to follow the same course as he.

Mr. Semple,  
Mr. Wiscart,  
Aug't De  
Neuville  
Oath of  
allegiance

I have the honor to be with profound respect,

Your very humble and very obedient servant.



1790. Anthony Murphy, Smith Shepperd, Jr., Wm. Shepperd, Jr., Paul  
 May 13th Keeling, Matthew Pallat, John Pallat, Wm. Pallat, Thomas Thompson,  
 William Nottingham, Wm. Deel Woodhouse and William Bishop to His  
 Excellency, the Governor, a memorial showing that they had been  
 Assault and false im- indicted by the District Court at Suffolk for an assault upon, and false  
 prisonment of Amos imprisonment of one Amos Weeks, and that they had been sentenced to  
 Weeks pay the fines as emmerated. That they are from Princess Anne Co., poor  
 and not acquainted with the laws and being in the service of the militia,  
 acted merely upon instructions given them. That they all bear good  
 characters at home as peaceable and law abiding citizens, which is veri-  
 fied by the accompanying certificates from a number of the best and  
 most influential citizens of that County. They thought they were  
 acting with propriety under their orders, and hope that the fines will  
 be remitted. Mr. Thos. Matthews of Norfolk, in several letters to Gen'l  
 Thomas Jas. Wood, asks his particular attention to these petitioners, and hopes  
 Matthews that their memorial will be favorably Considered by the Executive.

May 14th

## JOSEPH WINN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petition shewing that owing to the great distress in Lunenburg Co.,  
 occasioned by the almost total failure of the crops, he was unable to  
 collect the tax of 1787, by the time prescribed by law. That it has now  
 been fully paid as per certif. from Solicitor's office, and prays that the  
 damages assessed against him may be remitted.

May 15th

## GARRET MINOR, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF LOUISA COUNTY, TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Louisa Co.  
Militia  
return

Enclosing a general return of the Regiment of Militia of Louisa Co.,  
 and informing him that the Companies of Light Infantry & horse to be  
 raised in this County are not yet quite complete.

May 15th

## JNO. HOLCOMBE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petition

Petition showing that he farmed the place of Thos. Flournoy, late  
 High Sheriff of Prince Edward for 1787; that an Execution has issued  
 from the general Court for said taxes; that he advertised lands to a  
 large amount, but no commissioners attended on the day of sale, tho'  
 duly notified, & so he has lost the benefit of a large sum; that his assist-

ant employed by him fell short a considerable sum; that he has taken all precautions to secure the Commonwealth, and prays that he be given till August next, to pay all demands against him, which he is confident he can do, if his estate is not forced into market now, which will ruin him. His land & negroes are abundantly sufficient for the claim.

1790.

May 15th

THOMAS NEWTON, JR., TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

May 15th

Informing him that his letter is before him, & that he will inform Col. Finnie of his directions. He states that the Cannon demanded by Finnie, were brought from Spain, and landed at South Quay in the War. That he had them then brought from thence to Nansemond River, at State expense, by order of Col. Davies, as Com'r of War at that time. He begs leave to refer his Excellency to an order of Council, respecting his services as District Commissioner. Mr. Pendleton, the Auditor, would not allow him anything more than a common Certificate for it; this he declined, in hopes the Executive reconsidering the matter would allow him agreeable to the intention of the then Executive, a specie Warrant; nothing at that time was passing but specie. His attendance on the French fleet cost him out of his own funds, double what a certificate is worth. He had £100,000 paper in possession of the public at the time, & was obliged to return it, as his accounts with the Auditor will show. He would be obliged to have this matter finally determined, and whatever allowance is made, put to his credit with the Auditor. It will take some time to make a full return of the State guns, as they lay so dispersed. The number is between thirty and forty. It will cost about £50 or £60 to collect and build a house over them, which will be well worth the expense, as they will thus be preserved as they now lie; no care taken of, in all probability, in a short time it will not be known that they belong to the public, and may be carried off, as much property has been heretofore, and of which Col. Finney can inform him. Col. Davies can ascertain the property of the large Cannon he speaks of, belonging to the state, from a purchase of the two ships taken in the Bay by the French fleet. They are 4 and 6 pounders, & some caronades. He will send the exact number as soon as possible, and will always be ready to give his aid to his Country whenever his Excellency requires it.

Norfolk

Col. Finney

Cannon brot.

from Spain

Col. Davies

French fleet

French fleet

JOHN CURD, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF GOOCHLAND COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR.

May

Enclosing a copy of the proceedings of a court-martial held on April 6th, 1790, wherein the court taking into consideration the authority

Goochland

1790. vested in them by the Federal Constitution, are of opinion that they have  
 May no constitutional power to impose fines upon the delinquencies which  
 Court have occurred since the last Court-Martial.  
 martial Ordered, that all fines assessed for delinquencies since the adoption of  
 the new constitution be remitted.  
 Howell Lewis, capt. of cavalry, dissenting.
- Militia in a Col. Curd says, that in consequence of these proceedings, the Militia  
 confused state are in a very confused state—Many of them refuse to obey their officers,  
 Requests in- and assert that they are not liable to fines, as there is now no Militia  
 formation on law. He says that he is unable to satisfy the people of their error, and  
 the subject requests the Executive to let him know if such is the law or not, and if  
 Executive there is anything to be done with the officers of the said court-martial.

May 21st

## COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

- New York Enclosing a statement of the claims of the Commonwealth of Vir-  
 Claims ginia against the United States for advances and supplies on account of  
 against the late war, with the vouchers attending them, and which the Commis-  
 United sioners refuse to report favorably upon to Congress, alledging that the  
 States scale of depreciation is unequal and that the proofs do not sustain the  
 Refuse to facts, that the parties were settled with at the rates of depreciation,  
 report favorably ruling at the dates of the settlements.
- Mr. Madison Mr. Davies takes up all these objections and refutes them by a plain  
 statement of facts, and says that Mr. Madison calls their action a libel  
 on Virginia by their attempting to throw discredit upon her just claims.  
 North Carolina & Georgia are also stigmatized, but their vengeance  
 seems more particularly directed at Virginia. How far their own specu-  
 lations may have influenced their conduct, cannot be ascertained. The  
 House was so little pleased with their report, they would not offer it to  
 be read, and on request of Mr. Fitzsimmons, with the general assent of  
 the members, the printers and short-hand writers were desired not to  
 publish it.
- It cannot be known now what will be done. There is a bill now be-  
 fore the house for the Continuance of the General Board, and it is  
 necessary that the papers from Williams and Eskridge districts should  
 come forward as soon as possible.

The statement of claims referred to at the beginning of this paper is  
 as follows, viz:

Amount of payments made at the Treasury, from

April 19th, 1775, to January, 1777, - - - £459,844, 16s, 5d.

Amount of payments from Jan., 1777, to Sept. 1,

following, - - - - - 341,929, 15, 8

Amount of payments from Sept., 1777, to 31st Dec., 1780, reduced by the State scale, - - - -	575,837, 10, 6	1790. May 21st
Amount of Specifics supplyd under requisitions of 25th of Feb. & 4th Nov., 1780, - - - -	757,497, 3, 9	
Amount of warrants granted by the Auditor of Accts. subsequent to Jan. 1, 1781, which have been sunk by Taxes, or otherwise discharged; the paper payments reduced by the State scale, - - - -	456,446, 14, 11	
Amount of Bounties paid by Counties and classes under Recruiting Acts of Spring, 1779, 1780, 1782 and fall of 1780, - - - - -	158,673, 5, 7	
Amount of Certificates issued to officers & soldiers for Pay and depreciation of Pay, - - - -	986,830, 7, 6	
Amount of Certifis. for Militia services, as per Pay Rolls, - - - - -	231,670, 17, 8	
Amount of Lead supplied from the Mines - - - -	15,000,	
Amount of Waggon and Teams and drivers form'd by Counties, and clothing by classes under Act of Fall, 1780, - - - - -	21,000,	
Amount of Paper money on account of old emission Requisitions of Congress:		
Paid in 1785, - - - - -	£615,985, 16s,	
Paid in 1786, - - - - -	1,319,863, 8s.	
To am't acres of Land, as per acc't of Bounties:		
To am't of Interest on the several sums above,		
Virg'a Currency,	£—————	

The above exclusive of Interest, Land and payments in Paper money amounts to £4,004,730, 12s, or 13,349,102 dollars.

ALEXANDER MOSELEY, CLERK, TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 24th

Certifying that at a Hustings Court held on May 24, 1790, William Plume is recommended for Alderman of this Borough, in room of Benjamin Pollard, resigned.

Norfolk  
Borough

JAMES MADISON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 25th

Sir,

Previous to the receipt of your favor on the subject of the arrears to the Virginia line, a proposition for remedying the abuses which have taken place, had been made and was under consideration. It has since

New York

1790.  
May 25th  
Arrears to  
Virginia line  
Passed the  
two Houses  
Not yet  
submitted to  
the  
President  
The Presi-  
dent  
been ill  
Now out of  
danger  
State debts  
Revived

passed the two Houses in the form which corresponds with the idea suggested by you. I take the liberty of inclosing a copy, tho' it has not yet been submitted to the President. As soon as it shall have had his sanction, it will be made known to you by the communications required from that source.

The President has lately been dangerously and almost desperately ill. It is with very peculiar pleasure that I am enabled by a favorable turn in his complaint, to acquaint you that he is now not only out of danger, but so far advanced in his recovery as to be able to ride out.

We had flattered ourselves that the project of assuming the State debts was laid aside, at least for the present Session. The measure was, however, revived upon us yesterday, and it is probable that some time will be again spent upon it. We hope this is the worst to be apprehended; but the zeal and perseverance, as well as the number of its advocates, require that we should not be too sanguine in our calculations.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect & esteem,  
Your Excellency's mo. obt. & h'ble Serv't.

May 25th The Resolutions of Congress enclosed by Mr. Madison on the subject of arrears due the Virginia line, are signed by John Beckley, clk of House of Reps., and are in the following words, to-wit:

Congress of the United States,  
Monday, the 24th of May, 1790.

Arrears of  
pay for  
1782-3

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States be requested to cause to be forthwith transmitted to the Executives of the States of Virginia and North Carolina, a complete list of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the lines of these States, respectively, who are entitled to receive arrears of pay due for services in the years 1782 and 1783, annexing the particular sum that is due to each Individual, with a request to the Executives of the said States, to make known to the claimants in the most effectual manner, that the said arrears are ready to be discharged on proper application; that the President of the United States be requested to cause the Secretary of the Treasury to take the necessary steps for paying (within their said States, respectively,) the money appropriated by Congress on the twenty-ninth day of September, 1789, for the discharging the arrears of pay due to the troops of the lines of the said States, respectively; that the Secretary of the Treasury, in cases where the payment has not been made to the original claimant in person or to his Representative, be directed to take order for making the payment to the Original claimant, or to such person or persons only as shall produce a power of Attorney, duly attested by two justices of the peace of the County in

which such person or persons reside, authorizing him or them to receive a certain specified sum, except where Certificates or Warrants have been issued under authority of the United States for any of the said arrears of pay, and the same shall be produced by the claimant or claimants.

1790.

May 25th

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WALTER CROCKETT, CLERK OF WYTHE COUNTY COURT.

May 25th

Certifying that at a Court held for Wythe Co, at James McGavock's on May 25th, 1790, Robert Adams, Gent., is appointed surveyor for said county, and is therefore recommended to the President of the College of William & Mary, as a proper person to be intrusted in that office.

Wythe Co.

Robert  
Adams  
Surveyor

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RICHARD HENRY LEE AND JOHN WALKER, UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM VIRGINIA, TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

May 25th

Informing him that in consequence of information received there, that a set of unprincipled speculators had by false statements, fraudulently purchased up the rights of the soldiers of the Virginia and No. Carolina Lines for arrears of pay in 1782 and 1783, the Resolves that we have now the honor to enclose, were introduced and have passed Congress. (These Resolutions are the same as those sent by Mr. Madison of this date). They request the Governor to see that the soldiers receive speedy and effectual intelligence of the provision coming forward in their favor. The wonderful and vicious activity of the speculators, and the great dispersion of those who may yet fall victims, induced them to forward a copy of the resolutions at once. Fortunately this speculation has not so far been carried into execution as to have drawn from the Treasury the unappropriated money, which has furnished the Government an opportunity of so regulating the issues, as that the money should only be paid to the honest proprietors.

New York

Speculators  
in arrears of  
soldiers' pay

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SAM. SHEPARD, CLERK SOLICITOR'S OFFICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 26th

Enclosing Status of the Venditioni Exponas issued against John Callaway, former sheriff of Campbell Co., for the Revenue taxes of 1785-6, & Certificate tax of 1785-6.

Richmond

1790.

JAMES MADISON, JR., TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

May 26th      Enclosing a copy of the instructions given by the secretary of the  
New York      Treasury, on the subject of our Inspection laws, which has been put  
into his hands for that purpose:

Treasury Dept., May 18, 1790.

Sir,

Tobacco  
Inspection  
Law

I am informed thro' one of the Representatives of the State of Virginia, that some co-operation with the officers of the Customs is necessary to the perfect execution of the Tobacco Inspection Law. The act directs that the *Tobacco Inspectors shall by every boat or other craft loaded with Tobacco, send a list of the marks, weights, &c., of every hogshead of Tobacco then delivered, which lists every master of a ship is to lodge with the Naval officer by whom his ship is cleared.*

It being my wish that every assistance may be afforded in the execution of a law, at once so salutary and important, I request that you will Continue to receive these lists or manifests as has heretofore been the practice, and that you will return them to such persons as the supreme Executive of the state may point out to you.

I am, Sir, your obed't serv't,

(Signed) A. HAMILTON.

To the collectors &amp; surveyors of the state of Virginia.

May 28th      J. MADISON, PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOSPITAL  
FOR LUNATICS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Enclosing an order of the Court of directors, at a meeting held at the Hospital in Williamsburg on May 14, 1790; that it be certified to the Executive that there are two vacancies in the board, occasioned by the death of Dudley Diggs, and the resignation of Edmund Randolph. Wm. Pasteur and Robert Hall Waller are recommended in their steads.

May 28th      SAM'L EDDINS TO CAPTAIN SAM'L COLEMAN, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL.

Richmond      Asking him to mention to the council that he wishes to purchase the disabled brass cannon that lay at Hanover Court House. He will give whatever old brass sells for, and will take them from the Court House.

HENRY BANKS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1790.

Enclosing a copy of Governor Miro's letter, which, after his Excellency has made such use of it as may be thought expedient, he will thank him to return.

May 28th  
Richmond

Jas. McGavock enclosing various Receipts for lead, issued on the Executive orders, amounting to 49,093 pounds.

May 28th  
Lead mines

George Hairston, Col., certifies that at a Court-Martial appointed to be held at Henry Court House May 31, 1790, there not appearing a sufficient number of officers to constitute a court of Enquiry as the Law directs, no business can be done.

May 31st  
Henry Co.  
Court  
Martial

JOHN DICKINSON AND OTHERS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

May 31st

Petition praying for the reprieve of James Ridley, now confined in Winchester jail, and under sentence of death for horse-stealing.

WILL. IRVINE, CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY COURT.

June 1st

Certifying that David Gass and James Barnett be recommended to his Excellency for sheriff, also stating that the Commission of David Gas did not come to hand until the sitting of the Court, and he is now recommended again.

Madison  
David Gass  
for sheriff

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 1st

Stating that since his militia report of April 1st, The County Lieuts. of Princess Anne & Fauquier have made returns of the strength of their militia for 1789, herewith submitted. The delinquents in respect to fines for 1789, are very numerous. The County Lts. of Southampton, Fairfax, Fluvanna, Dinwiddie, Mecklenburg, Halifax, Isle of Wight, Hanover, Richmond, Amherst, New Kent, Nansemond, Goochland, Powhatan, Lunenburg, Essex, Greenville, Hanover, King & Queen, Orange, Middlesex, Chesterfield, Campbell, Louisa, and Princess Anne

Militia  
returns  
Delinquents  
in fines



1790. *only* having accounted for them according to Law. For April, 1790, the  
 June 1st County Lieuts. of Northampton, Pendleton, Cumberland, New Kent,  
 Norfolk Borough, Orange, Chesterfield, Rockingham, and Greenville  
 have made returns of the strength of their militia.

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June 3d FREDERICK AUGUST MUHLENBERG, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 New York I beg leave through you to communicate to the Honorable, the Executive of Virginia, the death of Theoderick Bland, Esquire, one of the  
 Death of members of that State in the House of Representatives of the United  
 Theoderick States, who departed this life on Tuesday and was interred yesterday.  
 Bland This melancholy event occasions a vacancy in the Representation of  
 your State, which, I doubt not, your Honorable Body will take the  
 earliest Constitutional Measures to supply.

Proceedings I enclose for the satisfaction of the friends of the deceased, an Extract  
 of Congress of the Proceedings of the House of Representatives, on this mournful  
 thereon occasion, and sincerely participate in the Common regret which the  
 Citizens of your State will feel in the loss of an able and faithful  
 Representative.

I have the honor to be with due respect,  
 Sir, Your mo. obed't & very humb. serv't.

Resolutions COPY OF THE RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING LETTER.  
 on his death

In the House of Representatives  
 of the United States,  
 Tuesday, the 1st of June, 1790.

House in- The House being informed that Theoderick Bland, one of the mem-  
 formed of bers for the State of Virginia died this morning:  
 his death Ordered, that such of the members of the said State, as are now pre-  
 Committee sent, be appointed a Committee to take Order for superintending the  
 appointed funeral of the said Theoderick Bland, and that this House will attend  
 to superintend the same.  
 the funeral  
 House will  
 attend

Wednesday, the 2d of June, 1790.

Members to Resolved unanimously, that the members of this House, from a sincere  
 wear the desire of shewing every mark of respect due to the memory of Theoderick  
 usual badge Bland, deceased, late a member thereof, will go in mourning for him  
 of mourning one month, by the usual mode of wearing a Crape around the left arm.  
 Extract from the Journal.

(Signed) JOHN BECKLEY, Clerk.

JAMES ROSS TO THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

1790.

Stating that he was appointed Notary Public for the District of Urbanna, by Commission dated June 29, 1789, but that he had omitted to forward his bond as required, which he herewith encloses.

June 3d  
Urbanna

BEN WALLER, CLERK OF JAMES CITY COURT TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

June 3d

Informing him, that by the death of Col. Dudley Digges, the County is left without a sheriff, and the court desires him to know that Wm. Lee, gent. stands next in the commission, and will accept if appointed.

Williams-  
burg  
Sheriff  
Wm. Lee

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

June 4th

Sir,

Mr. Page, Executor of Archibald Cary, Esq., deceased, produced to the Executive, two certificates of the Treasurer of Virginia for monies paid into the Public Treasury, according to the act for sequestering British Property, enabling those indebted to British subjects to pay off such debts, & directing the Proceedings in suits where such subjects are Parties. Mr. Cary having neglected to deliver these certificates to the Governour, and take his receipt for them, as is directed by the above mentioned act Mr. Page now delivers up the Treasurer's Certificate & demands the grs. receipt. The Executive doubting whether such receipt can now be given, request your opinion on the subject.

Richmond  
Mr. Page  
Executor  
Archibald  
Cary  
Treasury  
certificates

Demands  
Governor's  
Receipt  
Opinion  
requested

I am Sir,

Y'r obdt. Servt.

JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 4th

I am of opinion that the Executors of Archibald Cary, Esquire, deceased, upon the delivery of the Certificates of the Treasurer of Virginia, for money placed into the public Treasury by their Testator, under the act for sequestering British property, ought to have receipts given to them by the Governor, pursuant to the directions of the said act.

Richmond  
Opinion

S. SHEPARD, CLERK SOLICITOR'S OFFICE TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 5th

Enclosing account of expenses in forwarding Executions & Notices to the coming Court, and asking an order on the Auditor for the amt.

Richmond

1790.

## JOHN HARVIE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

June 5th Requesting in behalf of the Directors of the James River Company,  
James River a warrant on the Treasury for the remaining fifty shillings, on each of  
Company the public shares to complete their Requisition, payable the first day of  
May last.

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June 7th

## SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Scout's Reporting the claims of 2 scouts for services rendered in Montgomery  
claims County from 1st March to Nov. 14th, 1789.

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June 7th

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Nathaniel Certificate that Nathaniel Wilkins is in indigent circumstances, and  
Wilkins cannot support himself by reason of having lost his hand in the late  
war. Said Wilkins is a pensioner on the General list.

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June 8th

## COLONEL JESSE EWELL TO HONORABLE WOOD.

Dumfries Addressing him on the subject of his arrest on charges exhibited by  
Captain Capt. Helm, and conceiving that it may have the same effect as a formal  
Helen's memorial to the Executive. He states that after several applications  
charges for trial, &c., every member of the court appointed met in October last,  
against him and in presence of the parties examined the witnesses on both sides &  
Court met took their depositions—Everything appearing as set forth in his memo-  
rial, which accompanied depositions taken by advice of council of the  
6th Nov., 1788. The unanimity of the court could not be doubted.  
Unfortunately the papers intended to be forwarded to the Executive  
were lost on Major Brent's portemanteau & no copies retained.

Papers lost

Another  
Meeting  
Nothing  
done

Col. Fitzgerald was prevailed on to appoint another meeting which he  
fixed to the 15th of May, when very few of the officers attended; that  
he mentioned in the afternoon to Capt. Helm his apprehension of a dis-  
appointment, who said that he had not come on that business and was  
determined not to attend another meeting; that he replied that there  
was a necessity of having the business finished; that he answered that  
he had informed the Governor that he should do no more in it. He may  
suppose that his non-attendance will give it an ex parte appearance, but  
his witnesses are known & may be called upon at any time. Another

full meeting of the officers cannot be had but by Executive order; therefore, if it is improper to call for a certificate of the court's judgment, with the Evidence on which it was founded, viz: the depositions of all who were sworn on the trial, taken by Commissioners appointed for that purpose, he trusts that as many of those officers who can be easily convened, be directed to proceed again without delay, that the public may be informed whether he had merited censure or not. A view of the hideous garb in which the charges are dressed, must show him to be equally entitled to a speedy trial with those under criminal prosecutions.

1790.

June 8th

Asks for new trial

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II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

June 8th

Enclosing to the care of his Excellency a Letter to Lient. John Steel, of Augusta County, also one to Ensign Thomson Seayres, living near Richmond, informing them of their appointments in the Battalion of Infantry to be raised in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 30th of April last, and which he hopes he will have transmitted to them as early as his convenience will admit.

War office  
Lient. John Steel  
Ensign Thomson Seayres

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S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

June 9th

Certificate of settlement of Jno. Napier, Sheriff of Fluvanna county, for Revenue of 1787.

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M. OSTER, FRENCH VICE-CONSUL, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

June 9th

Stating that Mr. Dauchy having complained to him that the sheriff of Hanover Town had allowed Mr. Adrien Wiscart to be released without his intervention, consent, higher authority, and without legal right after he had been arrested by his Excellency's order, he had carefully examined the subject, and must say that Mr. Dauchy has much cause to complain of this sheriff for his illegal release of Mr. Wiscart, as the said Wiscart & De Neuville have by no means satisfied the consular judgment which sentenced them to render good and faithful accounts of the cargo which they sold on account of their constituent, but, on the contrary, refuse to produce a great number of vouchers to support their accounts & expenses, and without which, it is impossible to verify or conclude anything. The conduct of the sheriff, as well as that of Wiscart & De Neuville, appear to him as irregular as reprehensible, and the said Dauchy has suffered greatly by the devices and cunning employed

Norfolk  
Dauchy complains of the illegal release of Wiscart Has cause  
Wiscart and De Neuville have not satisfied the judgment against them  
Conduct of sheriff, &c.

1790.  
June 9th  
Requests a  
new order of  
arrest

by these persons for the last three years to escape rendering him any account. Under these circumstances he has to request his Excellency, in behalf of Mr. Dauchy, to issue a new order as soon as practicable for the arrest of Wiscart and De Neuville, that they may be compelled to execute strictly the sentence against them.

He says that his solicitation being founded upon principles of the greatest justice, he hopes that his Excellency will deign to acquiesce, especially as he knows that Wiscart and De Neuville took the oath of allegiance to the state for the sole purpose of harrassing Mr. Dauchy as long as they could, and to evade the consular laws which obliged them, immediately to render their accounts according to justice.

Execution of  
consular  
judgments  
discretion-  
ary with his  
Excellency  
Prays the  
Governor to  
grant his  
application

The law of 1779, leaving the execution of consular sentences discretionary with his Excellency, the fate of the unhappy Dauchy is in his hands. This man is without bread and without resources, and as these Messrs. Wiscart and De Neuville have plunged him into this state of misery by depriving him of the enjoyment of his brother's means since his arrival in Virginia, and whom he represents, he prays that the Governor will take pity upon him according to his application, by obliging Messrs. Wiscart & De Neuville to settle with him without delay.

June 10th

## COUNTY COURT OF WASHINGTON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Washington  
County

Giving their reasons why Alexander Montgomery was recommended for sheriff, instead of John Latham, whose name stood first in the list. The said Latham having removed from the county and state some Eighteen months ago, and the court having no Evidence of his intention to return to this county.

June 10th

## SAM'L H. SAUNDERS TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Flour bar-  
rels

Calling his attention to a claim he had for Flour barrels against the public, which was not settled when he closed his accounts with Mr. Morton, as he said he had no power to allow the discount therefor, but would have it arranged for him. The letter he wrote to the Executive, he learns has been by the groundless assertions of Morton, acted upon to his prejudice. He is conscious of the justness of his claim, but to end the matter will go into the General court & confess judgment, if Morton shall be directed to receive the principal with 5 per cent. interest instead of 10 pr. cent., which he says he must pay for appealing, unless remitted by the Executive.

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1790.

Sir,

The indisposition of the President of the United States has been the cause of your Excellency's letter of the 5th of May being unanswered until this time, as it was necessary to submit the same to him and take his orders thereon.

The same number of scouts which were allowed the counties of Kentucky, and the other counties lying to the northward thereof, on or near the Ohio, were extended to Russell county on the 29th of April last. Although the President is convinced of the inefficacy of defensive measures against the predatory incursions of small parties of Indians, yet he was contrained from the complaints of the people on the frontiers to furnish the Scouts to be called out in the manner heretofore allowed by Virginia as a *temporary measure*, until some other arrangement should be adopted by the Legislature.

The result of the deliberations of Congress on the information submitted to them relative to the frontiers, has been an Act to raise an additional battalion to the troops before in service, making in the whole 1,216 non-commissioned and privates, and a general authority to the President of the United States to call forth the militia when necessary for the protection of the frontiers upon the pay established in said Act, which I have the honor to enclose.

Under these circumstances, the President finds himself restrained from ordering out any more Scouts upon a pay higher than the Act of Congress authorizes, and he will shortly be obliged to conform the pay of the Scouts to the pay fixed by Congress for the militia. Until a general arrangement shall take place on this subject, he is unwilling to take any measures respecting the counties of Wythe and Washington which should seem to place them on an inferior footing to the other frontier counties. But, if your Excellency should judge the case to be really exigent with respect to the said Counties of Wythe and Washington, you will please to direct a small party of militia for each, not exceeding a Lieutenant and 15 non-commissioned and privates, which shall be considered as in the service of the United States for the time you shall so order them, of which I shall be obliged to your Excellency to be informed.

Arrangements are making for the raising of said additional battalion which will be employed on the frontiers, and I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the President of the United States has directed that ninety non-commissioned officers and privates be raised in Kentucky and the frontiers of Virginia, and that Major Alexander Parker, Capt. Ballard Smith, Lieutenant John Steel, and Ensigns Richard Arhler and Thompson Seayres, citizens of Virginia, are appointed officers in the said additional Battalion.

June 10th  
War officeScouts  
Kentucky  
and other  
counties

Indians

Temporary  
measure

Congress

Militia

Pay of  
scoutsArrangements for  
raising  
additional  
battalion

1790. The ideas of Colonel Tatham are more extensive with respect to the  
 June 10th Map of the frontiers than would be necessary at this time to have exe-  
 Col. Tatham cuted. The outlines of the respective counties was the principal object  
 Map wanted. In future, it may be necessary to have an accurate survey  
 made, not only of the frontiers, but of all parts of the United States.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient Humble Servant.

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June 12th H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 War office It is with great diffidence that I take the liberty of requesting your  
 Judge Iunes Excellency to forward letters, but the enclosed to Judge Iunes, contain-  
 ing dispatches of great importance for Brigadier General Harmar, I  
 request the favor of your forwarding them.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
 Your Excellency's most obed't Humble Servant.

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June 15th JOHN C. LITTLEPAGE, CLERK OF NANSEMOND COUNTY COURT.

Jno. Cole, Certifying that John Cole, James Godwin & Nathaniel Buxton are  
 Jas. Godwin, recommended to his Excellency, Beverly Randolph, as fit persons for the  
 Nathaniel office of sheriff.  
 Buxton  
 Sheriff

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June 15th WILLIAM HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Informing him on behalf of the Directors of public buildings, that it  
 Mr. Austin would be proper to advance Mr. Austin, two hundred pounds, in order  
 Mr. Minor that there may be no delay in the completion of his contract. Mr.  
 Minor's contract is also finished, and the amount due him is Two Hun-  
 dred and fifty pounds. These gentlemen having made application, he  
 would be pleased if the Executive will grant them orders on the Treas-  
 ury for the above amounts.

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June 15th RO. POLLARD, CLERK OF KING & QUEEN COUNTY COURT.

Jos. W. Lee Certifying to his Excellency, that Joseph W. Lee, Surgeon, was re-  
 requested by the Court, held for the said County, on Feb. 8th, 1790, to

examine into the disabilities of Capt. Benj'n Hoomes, and of John Marshall, pensioners, and report their condition to this court. 1790.  
June 15th

Jos. W. Lee reports that he has made the examinations as requested, and find neither of them any better qualified to support themselves than they were at the time they were made pensioners.

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G. THOMPSON TO——. June 16th

Certifying that the Certificate signed by the Governor for the admission of James Askew to the pension list, was lodged in the Clerk's office of Fluvanna, where he has received his pension up to the end of the year 1788.

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WM. TATHAM TO ARCHIBALD BLAIR, ESQ. June 17th

Sending him two volumes of Barnadiston's Reports, the property of the State, collected under his order in 1782, from the remains of the Enemy's destruction, and will send any others that may fall in his way. Barnadiston reports

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ. June 19th

Informing him that as Col. Carrington will be unable to execute in convenient time, the business committed to him, relative to the Light-House on Cape Henry, the President has transferred that duty to Thos. Newton, Esq., of Norfolk, to whom the necessary instructions were dispatched by the last mail. Upon his report to his Excellency, the President will be satisfied that the Cession be completed. Treasury Department  
Colonel Carrington  
Light-house at Cape Henry

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ARMISTEAD RUSSELL, GEORGE B. POINDEXTER, BENEDICT CRUMP, SAM'L MARK, GEO WILKINSON JR., AND JOHN BACON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. June 19th

Petition for the pardon of Abraham, negro man slave, the property of William Allen Atkinson, sentenced to be hung for felony on July 30th next. The above named persons, members of the Court of New Kent County, who tried & convicted & sentenced to be hung Jeeze, a negro man slave, belonging to Mary Dickerton Webb, and Abraham, negro pardon



1790. slave, property of the said Wm. Allen Atkinson, for having on the 28th  
 June 19th day of May last, in the night time, feloniously & burglariously broken  
 Abraham into the smoke house of one Thomas Howle, and stolen 18 pieces of  
 bacon & other articles. The said Abraham was found guilty as an  
 accomplice. They are sensible that a pardon will be more effectual to  
 attain the good intended by punishment than a rigorous Execution  
 might be, & this his first arraignment, recommends him to his Excel-  
 lency the Governor as an object of mercy.

June 20th

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

New York  
 Virginia  
 claims  
 against the  
 United  
 States

Prior to 1777  
 all settle-  
 ments  
 lodged in  
 the Execu-  
 tive office  
 Register of  
 balances

Arnold's  
 invasion

Stating that his letter of the 7th inst. is just received, but the papers entrusted with Mr. Marmie, are not yet arrived. He thought that he had examined every book in the Treasury office, and had brought on or made extracts from every one that was useful, and yet does not particularly recollect the Ledger mentioned by his Excellency. That would appear to be important particularly on account of the period which it comprehends. Prior to 1777, all settlements of public accounts were lodged in the Executive office; between that period and the last of the year 1778, when the Auditor's office was established with its present powers, there were commissioners or auditors appointed to examine & certify all accounts. They kept only a Register of balances alphabetically arranged, but the settlements or accounts themselves were sent to the Treasurer with a certificate annexed of the sum due to or from the individuals, making the settlement, and it seems to have been the duty of the Treasurer to charge the settlements under the proper heads. If this Ledger contains these accounts thus digested, it will be eminently useful, otherwise it will be little more than an arrangement of the Treasury receipts. He encloses a few Extracts from the account of payments at the Treasury during the above mentioned period, which will enable his Excellency to judge how far the Expenditures are specified upon that Ledger. These Extracts are an example, two of the only evidence now in his possession to prove the due appropriation of numerous charges of monies advanced on account. His Excellency will observe that this Evidence is no more than an entry of a further payment for the balance due on a settlement, and does not always prove the Expenditures to have been for State defence, and much less for Continental purposes. He thinks this Evidence can only be found in those old vouchers of the Treasury office, (as Mr. Wood calls them in the enclosed Extract), which appear to have been in his hands & Mr. Smith's for the purpose of arrangement sometime subsequent to Arnold's invasion, and are much to be desired, as the account of moneys is very considerable, and very often he can find nothing in the Executive books or papers showing how the monies have been applied.

Since his last letter, he has spent two days with Mr. Madison examining the various reports of the public offices here, and is happy to find that under all her disadvantages, Virginia will appear at least equal in her exertions, to her more immediate antagonists, Massachusetts and South Carolina, should the business of assumption be brought on again. He says that the two Commissioners for their crude report, are disposed to shelter themselves under the excuses of want of time and misinformation from their principal clerk, and he is inclined to think that the circumstance of some of the unstated papers brought on by Mr. Winder, being at the time more immediately the object of attention with the principal clerk, induced him, and consequently them, to be more particular with respect to Virginia than other States, tho' their mode of expression has so disgusted most of the Southern members, that in the new Bill, two or more Commissioners are provided to be added, and much of the business of the board transferred to the Comptroller and Auditor of the Treasury, so as to make their continuance less necessary. From the report, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina & Georgia appear to be in about the same state of preparation with their accounts. South Carolina is represented as having her claims regularly stated and vouched, though at the same time, from the annexed letters from her Senator and Representatives dated so late as April 29th, 1790, they prefer an additional gross claim of three millions of dollars. Mr. Dame has come forward as an agent for that State, and pretends to say that he can support a claim of fourteen millions of dollars, but to do this, he must count upon obtaining a credit for a vast amount of extravagant bounties paid for short services, and must also succeed in the extension of all paper money payments subsequent to March 18th, 1780, at 40 for 1, as that State claims at present. He would here observe to his Excellency upon this subject, that a matter has occurred, which will require his speedy attention and assistance. As far as he can discover from the accounts of the different States rendered, as well as from the report of the different public offices, there is no State in the Union, whose State paper was either in circulation so long or to such an amount as that of Virginia, and every State besides Virginia, appears on the books of the Treasury to have a credit after 18 Mar., 1780, on all their paper payments at 40 for 1, while Virginia is only credited for her payments in State paper according to her own scale; and he observed in one of the books of the 5 departments, the difference in the two modes of appreciating one single entry only, will amount to more than £300,000 specie. He thinks this mode of discriminating between the State and Continental paper seems to meet with some Countenance from one of the Commissioners; it will be necessary to show that to all Common purposes they were equally current, and that if in any case there was a difference, it was but trifling. He begs to recommend this important point to his Excellency's attention, that such testimonials on this subject may be forwarded, as will effectually secure the State in this particular.

1790.

June 20th

Mr. Madison  
Virginia  
Massachusetts  
S. Carolina  
The two  
commissioners;  
their crude  
report; their  
excuses

New bill;  
2 more com-  
missioners  
to be added

Governor's  
attention  
called to a  
matter

1790. In regard to his Excellency's anxiety expressed in a former letter to reduce the expense of the office with respect to the clerks, he remarks that by the time he is favored with an answer, he will be able to dispense with one of them. He believes Mr. Dunscomb's allowance is £70 more than Mr. Burnley's. He is better acquainted than Mr. Burnley with what was done under his direction, but so little of this can be acted upon at the present, his information from that circumstance is rendered less important. For capacity & attention, he thinks Mr. Burnley to be preferred, and as he will soon be still more engaged with the Commissioner of Army accounts, he will be under the necessity of confiding more than he yet has done, to the judgment and diligence of the person assisting him in selecting and stating. As Mr. Dunscomb holds his appointment, he conceives in some measure under the immediate authority of the Executive, and may perhaps be from some circumstances entitled to some indulgence, he thinks himself bound to be guided by his Excellency's choice in the matter, it being wholly immaterial to him, provided the State be equally well served.
- June 20th Reducing expenses of his office Mr. Dunscomb, Mr. Burnley He has no choice
- Will require one clerk for another quarter He will need the services of one of the clerks for another quarter to complete the statement of the specifics, a tedious piece of work, after which he hopes to save the State any further expense on that head. His own time is wholly engrossed in selecting, arranging & applying the evidence found in the public books & letters, which is a very difficult business.

June 21st

## P. WAGENER, CLERK OF FAIRFAX CO. COURT.

- Fairfax Magistrates recommended Certifying that the Court recommend George Augustin Washington, William Thompson, Lewis Hyikins, John Jackson, John Fowler, John Chapman Hunter, Elisha Cullen Dick, and Edward Washington, Jun'r, to his Excellency for Magistrates; also that the following list of Justices & those marked Removed, Dead, &c., is a true statement of the Justices of the County, viz: Robert Townsend Hooe, sheriff; George Mason, resigned; Charles Broadwater, Robert Adams, dead; Hector Ross, resigned; Alexander Henderson, removed; *George Washington, President*; Thomas Pollard, Martin Cockburn, resigned; Rich'd Chicester, resigned; Geo. Gilpin, Chas. Little, James Wren, Henry Darue, Inspector; David Arell, Lunatic; David Stuart, Chas. Alexander, W. Payne, Jno. Moss, W. Deneale, Jno. Fitzgerald, Will. Brown, Benj'n Dulaney, Thos. Gunnell, Geo. Minor, Inspector; Rich'd Conway, Will. Herbert, William Lyles, removed; James Waugh, resigned; Roger West, Jno. Poltz, Junior.
- Present Justices, &c.

JOHN WILSON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1790.

Asking him to postpone having the Revenue tax of 1787 collected, till the people can realize from the present Crop of Tobacco now Growing. From the great scarcity of money, the people are now suffering, and if the sheriff is forced to distress them, their goods will bring little or nothing. The collector has given Security for the tax, and a reasonable time now given the people he thinks cannot be of any disadvantage to the State.

June 21st  
Pittsylvania  
County  
Asking their  
taxes for  
1787 be post-  
poned

The Governor endorses this letter to Brigadier-Gen'l Wood, as follows:

Chimberland, June 24, 1790.

Dear Sir,

The above letter was delivered to me this moment by Mr. Clay. He is charged also with a petition from his County, praying some indulgence in the collection of the Revenue Tax for 1787. I do not think that the Executive have any legal authority to interpose in this Business, although there does appear to be some Hardship in having the collection of two years' Taxes going on at the same moment—more especially as the failure of the different sheriffs & collectors to give security, has probably occasioned the People to be totally unprepared for so sudden a Demand.

Governor's  
endorsement  
to General  
Wood

I am, D'r Sir,  
Yr. obed't Serv't,

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

To Brigadier-General Wood, Richmond.

HUDSON MUSE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

June 21st

Acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 7th, respecting instructions from Secretary of the Treasury of May 18th, to collectors & surveyors on the clearance of vessels. Agreeably thereto he will transmit quarterly to the Auditor of Public Accounts, all Tobacco manifests delivered to him by Captains of vessels that may clear at this port.

Tappahan-  
nock  
Secretary of  
Treasury's  
instructions  
Tobacco  
Manifests

Sam. Coleman stating that tho' no scouts were allowed for 1789 to Monongalia County, by Executive instructions dated Dec. 31, 1788, yet, upon consideration of letters from Colonels Evans & McCleery of April 21, 1789, two scouts were allowed—one of which Levi Morgan has been paid. The claim of the other, David Piles, is presented for services from April 25th, till June 8, 1789, and is of course just.

June 21st  
No scouts  
allowed  
Monongalia  
for 1789

1790.

## NATHANIEL MASSIE TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

June 22d Stating that the Court of Goochland on yesterday nominated two  
 Goochland persons for the office of sheriff—The contest being between William  
 Contest for Holman (who is first in the nomination) and himself. He thinks that  
 sheriff he is entitled to the office, as he has constantly & unremittingly per-  
 between formed his duties as a Justice ever since his Commission was issued,  
 him and while Mr. Holman, after acting several years under his Commission,  
 Wm. Hol- actually withdrew himself therefrom and refused to exercise that office  
 man man for a long time, but which he has since resumed, and now claims his  
 rank of seniority merely as being the first mentioned; that they both  
 were commissioned at the same time, but that his qualification was prior  
 to Holman's. He begs that the Executive will delay issuing the Com-  
 mission of sheriff to the said Holman till he can be further heard in  
 support of his claims to the said office.

June 22d

## WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Stating that the Directors of the Public buildings beg to lay before  
 Portico the Executive, a state of their proceedings respecting the columns of  
 columns the Portico, on which they require their advice and direction. That  
 Edward Voss contracted with the Directors, on May 11th, 1789, to  
 build the columns of the portico, and the vaults under the portico, of  
 Vaults and Brick, according to the directions of the Superintend't, his measurement  
 portico and under the conditions of his former contracts, as to the quality and  
 form of the brick, the goodness of the mortar or cement to be used, and  
 for which he was to be paid Three pounds, ten shillings per M, out of  
 Bonds, due the Directors or Commissioners of sales of public property;  
 that on July 1, following, the said Ed. Voss entered into bond with the  
 Governor in the penalty of £1,500 for the faithful performance of his  
 contract, with Wm. Duval, security. That the said columns were  
 Wm. Duval finished so late last season, the Directors postponed the vaults till this  
 security season. Upon the application of Voss for permission to begin the  
 vaults, the Directors excepted to the Columns, as being in their opinion  
 Columns insufficient & not built in a workmanlike manner according to contract.  
 insufficient Thereupon Mr. Voss and the Directors agreed that Alexander Quarrier,  
 Referrees Thomas Warren & John Collins should view the same and report to the  
 agreed on Directors. These gentlemen met & in the presence of the Directors and  
 Mr. Voss, heard the testimony of the Honl. Robert Goode, Sam'l Dobie,  
 & Dabney Minor, and having inspected the columns, reported in writing  
 Their report their opinion; that they considered them as insufficient, and are of  
 opinion that they ought to be taken down, the whole or at least a part,  
 and also that they deferred their opinion of the inefficiency of the work

on Mr. Voss's part, or otherwise, till the taking down of the columns, at which time, they would be particular in viewing the same, and then report finally. That upon Mr. Hay showing the said report to Mr. Voss, he refused to take down the columns, alledging that his workmen were otherwise employed, but said at the same time, that if upon a further view of the Referees, they should be of opinion he was faulty in the execution of the work, he must pay the expense of taking down & putting up the said columns. The Directors not being satisfied with the answer, furnished Mr. Voss with a copy of the Report of the Referees, and asked for his determination in writing, whether he would or would not take down the columns, or as much as would be necessary, or whether the Directors should have it done at his expense. The expense thereof depending on the final award of the Referees. Mr. Voss failed to answer in writing; a meeting of the Directors was called, at which he verbally answered that it was not in his power to take the columns down, and desired the Directors to employ some other person to do it, and if they were condemned on account of the badness of the work, he would pay the expense attending the same.

The Directors having considered the foregoing determination of Mr. Voss, & having from the opinion & conversation of the Referees, some reasons to believe that Brick columns may in the end be defective, and ultimately as expensive as stone columns, if coated with a hard finishing to make them resemble stone, they feel inclined to postpone the further Execution of the work until the meeting of the General Assembly, that they may give directions therein; and will proceed to have the vaults finished with all possible expedition. As it would be unsafe to trust a Lead Cover on the roof of the Portico until the columns are made sufficient, they think that the roof should be shingled, & the front & sides of the Pediment sheeted with plank to preserve the timbers from injury; and they are more induced to this opinion, for the reason that they fear Mr. Austin will not be able to finish more than the remainder of the roof & gutters this season.

These matters are all submitted by the Directors to the consideration of the Executive, & beg their opinion & advice therein.

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June 22d

Mr. Hay shows the report to Voss

Directors ask for his written determination

Answers verbally

Directors consider stone columns preferable to brick

Lead cover unsafe now  
Roof to be shingled

Ask the advice of the Executive

B. WOOD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE.

June 22d

Statement of Jno. Buck, sheriff of Shenandoah's acc't, for taxes for 1787, paid up with interest & damages.

Richmond

1790. JNO. PENDLETON, DEPUTY CLERK OF CAROLINE COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 22d Certifying that George Guy and Anthony New were recommended by Caroline Co. court at its June term, for sheriff.

June 22d JOB MCKAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petition for pardon Petition showing that he had been unjustly & illegally convicted of forging a receipt in full for all demands from him to Ralph Withers, by Frederick Co. Court at May, 1789, term, and praying to have the fine of Twenty pounds remitted, also the costs, which are 1,132 lbs. Tobacco and 15s.

June 23d HARRY HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Enclosing List of balances and accounts on the Books of Westham Foundry, liquidated by the scale of Depreciation, leaving a balance in favor of the Foundry of £877, 11s, 6½d.

June 25th COLONEL WILL. HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Bermuda  
Hundred  
Manifests of  
Tobacco

Sir,  
I have rec'd yours of the 7th inst. Knowing how essential the manifests for Tobacco shipped were to the State, I made a point of duty to demand & receive them, from the clearing out of the first vessel in this District to the present time, and last December I informed the Treasurer and Auditor that they were ready to be delivered whenever called for. I will embrace the first opportunity of forwarding all those which were rec'd from the 17th Aug't to the 31st March last, as you desired, and the most pointed compliance with your request may be expected from me.

Coasting  
act

Sensible as I am that this acknowledgment of the rec't of your letter would have been deemed sufficient, yet, Sir, such are my wishes to have it in my power to do every possible Justice to the State, and such is my anxiety to see a system of absurdity—the coasting act—rendered intelligible as well as advantageous to the revenue, that I cannot forbear offering some remarks on those laws, to which your letter has reference, from a persuasion that you will think them worth mentioning to the Virginia representation in Congress.

The salutary purposes for which the Act of Congress was passed, directing the officers of the Customs to be governed by the Inspection laws of the respective states, will in a great measure be defeated in this State, by one of the many imperfections in the Coasting Act. Vessels of *any burthen* duly licensed as Coasters, and laden with American produce *only*, may depart from any port in Virginia for Maryland or North Carolina *without clearing*; and by the *celebrated explanatory Act to the Coasting Act*, pass'd towards to the close of the last session, and of which our honest, departed friend, Colo. Bland, was the author, a vessel of *fifty tons burthen*, laden as aforesaid, may proceed to any parts of the U. States, *without clearing or entering*; so that vessels of *these descriptions*, and *thus laden*, will always take the shipping manifests with them. For tho' it *may* be a question with some, whether the Act of Congress "To prevent the exportation of goods not duly inspected," &c., does not do away *so much* of the Coasting Act as exempts the description of coasters aforesaid *from clearing*, by obliging them, when they have Tobacco, Tar, pitch, turpentine, flour, bread, Hemp, pork, beef or lumber, to clear out; yet it is not so understood; and if the master of a vessel, who hath been accustomed to go from District to District free of any expence, should now be called upon to clear out, if he has any of the above articles on board, and which clearance would cost the *enormous high fee of 25 cents*, it would occasion much grumbling; and if *all* the officers in the State should not construe the laws alike in this particular, you may easily guess what displeasure it would create, should this be *my construction*, and I should request the surveyors in this district to conform thereto. The language of the Laws of Virginia, respecting Tobacco, runs thus:

1st. The master shall *deliver on clearing*, a fair manifest, &c.; 2dly, Shall produce & lodge on clearance, tho' Inspector's manifests, &c.; lastly, *no vessel shall be cleared out*, unless the master thereof shall produce a manifest of the Cargo, & make oath that the commodities to be exported have been inspected, &c., &c. See May Session, 1783, Chap. 10th, Sect's 3 & 4; and Jan'y 1788, Chap. 4, Sect. 57. On the other hand, the laws of the United States *exempts* vessels of certain burthens *from clearing*, if laden with Am. produce only. But by the act of Congress of the 2nd of April alluded to, it is expressly declared that "no vessel having on board goods liable to inspection, *shall be cleared out*, until the master or other proper person shall have produced, &c., &c." Now, whether this clause can have reference to vessels which were intended under the Coasting Act to be *exempted from entering or clearing*, or to *such only* as the laws of the U. States have, in clear and unequivocal terms declared, *shall clear out*, in the District where they load, under certain penalties, is a question which will admit of much being said

1790.

June 25th  
Customs  
governed by  
Inspection  
laws  
Coasters  
laden with  
American  
produce only

Language of  
Virginia  
laws  
concerning  
Tobacco

Act of  
Congress



1790. upon both sides. It is at least, a *moot case*, and such as in my humble  
June 25th opinion requires Legislative explanation.

I have the honor to be Sir,  
Your mo. obt. Servt.

June 29th

JAMES WOOD, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond  
Proclama-  
tion for  
arrest of  
Benjamin  
Woodward

Who in the absence of the Governor, issues this proclamation for the arrest of one Benjamin Woodward, who upon the confession of James Arthur before the court of Dinwiddie county 21st June, 1790, when apprehended on suspicion of having forged or assisting in forging or signing certain certificates issued by the authority of this Commonwealth, he has reason to believe has been principally concerned in counterfeiting & passing such certificates & public securities of this State, and offers a reward of One Hundred & fifty Dollars for the apprehension & conveyance of the said Benjamin Woodward to the District jail of Petersburg.

\$150 reward

June 29th

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Richmond

Stating that the claim of Edward Pindell for services as a scout, is not authorized by any order of the Executive.

June 30th

HARRY HETH TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WOOD, Esq.

Richmond  
Westham  
accounts

Informing him that he sends for the inspection of the Executive, a list of balances from the books of Westham foundry, which were put into his hands by the solicitor by direction of the Executive. The balances are extended in paper currency as directed, agreeably to the scale at the time the last entry was made. As he is about to leave town to make sale of tobacco, & will go to Fort Pitt to see a relation before his return, he requests that he may receive an order on the auditor for whatever amount the Executive may consider his services worth.

June 30th

Militia returns for the spring of 1790:

From David Shepherd, County Lt. of Ohio Co.

" Arthur Thornton, do., " Caroline Co.

" Benjamin Johnson, do., " Orange Co.

from Wm. Henderson, County Lt. of Campbell Co.	1790.
" Wm. Waring, do., " Essex Co.	June 30th
" Jas. Bayton, Col. 2d Regt. " Gloster Co.	
" H. Smith, Command'g officer " Russell Co.	

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. July 1st

Informing him that his letter of the 22d Instant was this moment received. He thanks him for the information respecting Ensign Seayres. The appointment is for the son of the late Col. John Seayres, and will thank his Excellency to forward the same to Thomas Seayres.

THOMAS HARRIS TO THE GOVERNOR. July 1st

Complaining that he had been unmercifully beaten by Major Langham, and discharged from the garrison, where he is employed as an artificer; that Major Langham will not tell him the reason of this treatment, and asking the Governor for a full investigation of the matter and restoration to duty if he is found innocent of any charges. He speaks of great irregularities going on at the garrison, and of the public property being converted to the private use of Major Langham.

Point of Fork  
Beaten by Major Langham  
Asks for a full investigation  
Irregularities at the Garrison

THOS. ROGERS, DEPUTY CLERK OF HANOVER COUNTY COURT, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. July 1st

Certifying that Parke Goodall, John Syme, & Elisha White are recommended for sheriff of said County.

COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. July 2d

Stating that he had lately received the box of papers entrusted with Mr. Marmie. The lid had been split and the box but little more than half full. He can't say that it had been opened, as it was well secured with nails and the papers did not appear deranged.

New York

The vouchers from Williams & Eskridge Districts are fewer in number than he expected, tho' he has not yet particularly examined them. The bill for settling the accounts with the individual states has passed the house of Representatives, giving the Commissioners of the General

Vouchers

1790. board nearly the same powers as before, except that the quota of each  
 July 2d State is settled in the bill, and two more Commissioners are to be added  
 Two more to the present. It was originally proposed to transfer a considerable  
 commissioners added to portion of the business to the Auditor & Comptroller, but they having  
 the board represented the impossibility of attending to it, the clause was struck  
 out.
- Settlements with individual, since Sept., 1788, not to be admitted against the Union The settlements made with individuals since Sept'r, 1788, by the dif-  
 ferent States are not to be admitted against the Union. The Repre-  
 sentatives having applied to him for information on the subject & find-  
 ing the amount did not exceed £3,000 or £4,000 at the utmost, they  
 determined to favor the motion, supposing that Virginia would ulti-  
 mately be a gainer by it, some of the States having made many settle-  
 ments of a later date—particularly New York, who as soon as there was  
 a prospect of the assumption of the State debts, opened an office for  
 receiving claims for services and supplies during the war.
- Salary accounts of himself and assistants He encloses the accounts of himself and assistants for salaries from  
 April 1st, to June 30th, 1790, inclusive, to-wit:  
 Wm. Davies, for services as Commissioner, settling the accounts of the  
 State against the United States 91 days at 36s, amounting to £163, 16s.  
 Andrew Dunscomb, his assistant, 3 mos. at £200 per annum, being  
 £50 Virg'a Currency.  
 Reuben Burnley, his assistant, 3 mos. at \$100 per annum, being £30  
 Virg'a Currency.

July 3d

SAM. COLEMAN TO GENERAL WOOD.

Council  
 office  
 Point of  
 Fork  
 Quarterly  
 returns

Enclosing E. Langham's quarterly returns Ending June 30, for the  
 Post at the Point of Fork. The amt. of pay due the guard is £72, 12s.  
 Amt. due Superintendent and Artificers, £229, 7s. This latter sum is  
 considerable & is occasioned by the number of guns stocked, being 225  
 at 6s, 8d. each. £100, 11s, 6d, remain in superintendent's hands, said to be  
 for the purchase of clothing.

From return of clothing, it appears that Each of the guard has re-  
 ceived within the last quarter 2 p'rs overalls & 1 Regimental Coat &  
 vest.

July 4th

J. D. SMITH, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Honorable Sir,

Russell Co.

I cannot but think it my duty to trouble your Excel-  
 lency with the following accounts:

Early last month a party of hostile Indians crossed through this nar-

row County and fell on the House of a certain Capt. Newland in Washington county near this County line; plundered his house of all that was valuable that they could carry away, burnt many of his goods that they could not carry, and took his wife and three children prisoners; but being quickly pursued and like to be overtaken, they kill'd & scalped the woman & children in this County & made their escape.

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July 4th  
Hostile  
Indians  
Captain  
Newland

Last Spring John Frazier, Esq., had his son (a little Boy) taken prisoner, & I am well inform'd that unfortunate man has since had the rest of his family killed on the Kentucky road.

I doubt not but your Excellency has been informed of Mrs. Wyley's oath, who was taken prisoner last fall and runaway from the Indians late in the winter. I am credibly informed that her deposition was taken in Montgomery County, & reports that the Indians informed her they would bring four hundred Indians against Clinch River & Blewstone this summer. There has lately been much sign of Indians discovered on big Sandy River. We keep out twenty-five Rangers & four scouts, but as our County is about 150 miles in length, that small body is insufficient to guard it. Should our distressed situation incline your Excellency's tender feelings to redress these grievances, I would humbly propose that fifty men at least be appointed to range on our Frontier untill the fall; I find it exceeding difficult to get men to range, as the whole of this county from its narrowness is considered as frontier—a man will choose rather to submit to a fine than have his helpless family exposed to danger while he performs a tour of duty. If such a number of men as your Excellency may Judge necessary for our defense should be ordered to be raised in Washington, which this county covers in its whole length, it would be the best & most natural defense that our frontier at this interim can expect; in all probability it would secure us from such frequent and cruel barbarities as this County has lately experienced.

Rangers and  
Scouts

I have resided in this county during the last war, and I do not think that during the whole war I heard of more cruel or more frequent acts of cruelty than has been committed within a year past.

Permit me, Sir, to instance one act committed last fall on the line dividing this County & Montgomery, on the person of a certain Mr. Whitley, who went a few miles in the woods hunting his Horses, when the Indians fell on him, killed him, and cut him into small pieces; cut out his guts & strung them on the Bushes; cut out his heart & flung it against the ground with such violence that it covered itself in the soil.

The Bearer, Mr. Fletcher, having some business in Bedford, I have prevailed on him to carry this Express. I hope your Excellency will be pleased to order him such reward as you may adjudge him for his trouble.

Mr. Fletcher

I have the Honour to be,

Your Excellency's obed't H'ble Serv't.

1790. S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, GOVERNOR.

July 5th Informing him that at the last General Court, held June 15th, 1790, a  
 Richmond motion was made in behalf of the Commonwealth, at the request of  
 General Charles Lee, Esq., late Naval officer of Powtownmack River Dist'ct, on  
 Court a bond dated August 1st, 1789, given by John Laird, & Buchanan & Pat-  
 Charles Lee ton, for goods imported from George Town, amounting to £40, 10s, 5d.  
 Bond given This motion was overruled, the Court being of opinion that the Bond  
 by John was taken after the Laws of this State on the subject of Duties, ceased.  
 Laird and others, for He encloses a copy of the order of the Court, also the Attorney-Gen-  
 imported goods eral's opinion to the same effect, as he says that the Court having  
 unanimously determined that the Laws of the state concerning duties  
 on imports, ceased so early as the 21st July, 1789, "he is of opinion  
 that the solicitor should deliver up any bonds for duties, which were  
 entered into after those Laws ceased to the obligors, upon application for  
 the same, and the Auditor should credit all such bonds accordingly; they  
 having been illegally taken."

As he has a number of bonds taken by Mr. Lee, dated on and after  
 the 21st July, 1789, in his office, which he has demanded to be given up,  
 on behalf of the obligors, in consequence of the aforesaid order, he  
 requests that his Excellency & the Board of Council will be pleased to  
 direct whether they shall be given up or retained in the office.

July 6th

OTWAY BYRD TO SAM'L. COLEMAN, ESQ.

Charles City Enclosing the resignations of Major Gregory and Ensign Marsters, to  
 be handed to the Governor, & requests that other commissions will be  
 forwarded in their places.

July 7th

COL. WILLIAM DAVIES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

New York Stating that till lately it was the custom to neglect printing the  
 In regard to Resolutions with the Acts of Assembly, and also to omit entering on  
 the former the Journals of the House of Delegates, any amendments made by the  
 custom of Senate. A resolution after having passed the House, and then amended  
 not printing by the Senate, never appears in its amended form in any of the public  
 Resolutions records, except it be in the Journals of the Senate, tho' the amendment  
 with the may have materially altered, if not entirely changed the nature of the  
 acts, &c. original proposition.

He says that he is frequently referred by the specific vouchers to a Resolution of Nov. 17th, 1780, which as it appears on the Journals of the Delegates, was only an authority to the Executive to take measures for salting up a quantity of provisions for the succeeding campaign. The resolution was amended in the Senate, but how, he has not been able to find out from any thing in his possession, and requests the Governor's assistance in procuring it; possibly from the Auditor.

He says that the bill for the settlement of accounts is before the Senate, and the Eastern members will endeavor to strike out the addition provided in the bill of two more commissioners, fearing that one of the additional commiss's will be taken from Virginia. He cannot yet tell what will be the result, tho' Col. Lee thinks that the opposition to this part of the bill will not be successful.

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July 7th

His trouble  
therefrom

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THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

July 10th

Informing him that at the request of the President and Secretary of the United States, he had chosen a spot whereon to erect a light-house. The place formerly intended to build on, is now fixed upon. The cession to the United States may now be completed. A survey and plat (if necessary) may be directed by his Excellency to be made, that the boundaries may be known. He has informed the Secretary of the steps taken. He will be happy to render any assistance in his power to carry so desirable an object into immediate Execution, as the trade suffers much for the want of a light-house, & it will in all probability be the means of saving many lives.

Norfolk

Spot chosen  
for Light-  
house  
Cession to  
United  
States may  
now be  
made

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ANDREW DUNSCOMB TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

July 11th

In which he refers to his past and present services to the State; he begs that the Governor will make such addition to his salary as will give him a living, and allow him to educate his children. At present his needful expenses exceed his allowance.

New York

Asking for  
an addition  
to his salary

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COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

July 12th

Sir,

I enclose to your Excellency a plan for the final settlement of the continental accounts & contributions of the individual States. Your Excellency will readily perceive that the ratio of representation will

New York

1790. operate very powerfully in the final adjustment, and that unless the  
 July 12th balance of her proper account with the United States be greatly in favor  
 Enclosing a of Virginia, she will be ultimately a debtor; that balance, from the best  
 plan for the view of the accounts which I have been able to obtain, appears to be  
 final settle- about 8,910,809 dollars, but whether Virginia will finally be a debtor or  
 ment of the creditor, cannot be known till the accounts of each state have been ad-  
 Continental justed. The bill for settling the accounts between the United States  
 accounts, &c. & Individual States, has returned from the Senate with amendments,  
 one of which is to strike out the two Commissioners proposed by the  
 bill to be added to the present; the reason of this I suggested in a  
 former letter. The house of representatives have not yet taken the  
 amendments into consideration, tho' the members from some of the  
 middle & southern states seem not satisfied with the alteration.

Eskridge The papers collected by Eskridge are not so numerous or compleat as  
 vouchers expected, and I shall have to rely much on the promised assistance of  
 Col. White, on his return home. He transacted a good deal of public  
 business in that part of the country, and assures me of his endeavors  
 to authenticate fully the wanting vouchers. The act of Congress, fixing  
 the temporary seat of government in Philadelphia, will be attended  
 with some inconvenience & additional expence to this office, as by the  
 law, all the public departments attached to the seat of government are  
 to be in Philadelphia by the first Monday in December next.

Temporary seat of Gov-  
 ernment to  
 be fixed in  
 Philadel-  
 phia

I have the honor to be Sir, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obed't Serv't.

July 12th Scheme to exemplify the settlement of Account between the United  
 New York and individual States, on the principle that each State is to contribute  
 in proportion to a given ratio towards the expence of the War, also  
 shewing upon a suppositions statement of balances due from the United  
 States, what credits would be funded to the creditor States, and what  
 credits would be entered on the books of the treasury in favour of all  
 the states except the greatest debtor state, to be discounted in any  
 future direct tax after the present debt shall be disch'g'd, or to be paid  
 out of the annual revenue after the present debt shall be discharged:

The scheme

1790.  
July 12th

STATES.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		Balances found due upon an adjustment of accounts with the United States.	Ratio of each to apportion the aggregate balances of 529 dollars.	Proportion of each state in the aggregate balance of 529 dollars.	Balance due by the debtor states to the United States.	Bal. due from U. States to the creditor states to be credited on the Treasury books & funded.	The greatest proportional debtor state in this statement is Georgia—the debt she owes to the United States is 4, and her ratio is 3; therefore, when 4 is hereafter to be paid by her, the proportion of the others will be as in the next column.	Proportion of each in a future direct tax, &c., that the creditor states ultimately, may receive their neat bal.	Unfunded bal. to be credited to all except Georgia, and to be discounted as proposed.	Differences in the sums of the 8th & 9th columns.
New Hampshire		23	3	24	1	-	The greatest proportional debtor state in this statement is Georgia—the debt she owes to the United States is 4, and her ratio is 3; therefore, when 4 is hereafter to be paid by her, the proportion of the others will be as in the next column.	4	3	1
Massachusetts		72	8	64	-	8		10 $\frac{2}{3}$	10 $\frac{2}{3}$	0
Rhode Island, -		8	1	8	-	-		1 $\frac{1}{3}$	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	0
Connecticut, -		44	5	40	-	4		6 $\frac{2}{3}$	6 $\frac{2}{3}$	0
New York, - -		54	6	48	-	6		8	8	0
New Jersey, -		29	4	32	3	-		5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
Pennsylvania, -		68	8	64	-	4		10 $\frac{2}{3}$	10 $\frac{2}{3}$	0
Delaware, - -		12	1	8	-	4		1 $\frac{1}{3}$	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	0
Maryland, - -		44	6	48	4	-		8	4	4
Virginia, - -		75	10	80	5	-		13 $\frac{1}{3}$	8 $\frac{1}{3}$	5
North Carolina,		36	5	40	4	-		6 $\frac{2}{3}$	2 $\frac{2}{3}$	4
South Carolina,		35	5	40	5	-		6 $\frac{2}{3}$	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	5
Georgia, - - -		20	3	24	4	-		4	-	4
		520	65	520	26	26		86 $\frac{2}{3}$	60 $\frac{2}{3}$	26

The credits in column No. 9 being placed on the books of the Treasury. If then after the present debt is discharged, a direct tax should be levied of 86 $\frac{2}{3}$  dollars, and the proportion of each brought into the Treasury, and the credits as stated in the 9th Column discharged, there will remain in the Treasury of the United States the several sums stated in the next column, (being the difference between the sums in the 8th & 9th columns), the aggregate whereof is equal to the aggregate of the funded credits stated in the 6th column, and thus equal Justice will be done; or if 84 $\frac{1}{3}$  dollars should after the payment of the present debt, remain in the Treasury, or come therein from the ordinary revenue, the credits in the 9th Column would be discharged, and there would remain a sum equal to the aggregate of the debt now funded in favour of the Creditor States, or the balance due from the debtor States.



1790.

STEPHEN &amp; MOSES AUSTIN TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, Esq.

July 13th      Calling his attention to a certificate from Arthur Campbell, R. Sayers,  
 Lead mines & Wm. Migonry, who have inspected their lead works in Wythe County,  
 and wish to inform the state of the condition of matters there. They  
 Number of      certify that between fifty & sixty men are now employed as miners,  
 men      artificers, and labourers. Seven pits are sunk about seventy feet deep,  
 employed      which are so productive that six to eight tons of ore may be raised  
 Ore inex-      daily. From appearances, the ore in the hill is inexhaustible; that at  
 haustible      present, a very simple but improved manner of beating & washing the  
                  ore is adopted. Materials are now getting ready for the erection of a  
                  new furnace, which will soon be ready for use. The one built by the  
                  late Col. Chiswell is now so repaired as to smelt over one ton & a  
                  half of lead, while it stands. They think from the activity & views of  
                  the owners, that with a small encouragement from the General Govern-  
                  ment, so as to compensate in a degree for so distant a land carriage,  
                  lead will be produced & manufactured in the course of the ensuing  
 Sufficient for      year, sufficient for the consumption of the United States. They con-  
 the United      clude by saying that the time has been when much depended upon this  
 States      manufacture, and that similar occasions may happen in the course of  
                  future events, that will show the good policy of being independent of  
                  all the world for so necessary an article.

Messrs. Austin desire that his Excellency & the Council will call the  
 attention of Congress to this subject, and the importance of giving the  
 preference to the manufacture of this article to our own country, by  
 either levying a duty upon imported lead, or giving a small bounty for  
 the encouragement of the discovery of this article, as at present the  
 expenses attending its long land carriage, make it impossible for them  
 to stand upon an equality with the importer. They cannot sell the  
 quantity they could wish, nor can they obtain a price sufficient to repay  
 them.

To levy a  
 duty on lead,  
 &c.

July 15th

CAPTAIN E. LANGHAM TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WOOD, Esq.

Point of      Stating that an old man named Thos. Harriss, lately employed at this  
 Fork      place and discharged by him on June 23d, had, as he learned, made com-  
 Thomas      plaint to the Executive against him for inhuman treatment; that he  
 Harriss dis-      supposes the Executive will pay no attention to his statement, as he  
 charged from      would have given them his reasons for his action, had he considered it  
 the      necessary; but has never conceived it to be his duty to apply to supe-  
 fort      rior authority to point out the punishment for any one offending at this  
                  place. This man is a tolerable good workman, but unwilling to be

steady at any one thing; he is dissatisfied, assuming, & impertinent, & by no means fond of truth. He does not stand well among his old neighbors for honesty. 1790.  
July 15th

If such information should come to the Executive & make an unfavorable impression, he will rely on his goodness & friendship to be informed of it. His constant study is to do for & please the public, & should he fail to do so, the best wages that could be offered should not keep him in service one week when his conduct should meet with frown or censure.

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COLONEL WILLIAM DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. July 15th

Stating that he is apprehensive that in his last letter he made a mistake in the date of the resolution he requested should be transmitted, as it passed the 15th of November, and not on the 17th, as he fancies he has erroneously mentioned. New York

The bill for settling the accounts between the Individual and the United States, was returned to the Senate with several amendments; all of which have been disagreed to by the House. A conference has been appointed, but not as yet held. The assumption business is again revived.

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H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. July 17th

Stating that he authorized him by direction of the President of the United States, on April 13th last, in certain cases of imminent danger, to call out for the protection of the frontier counties a certain species of patrols, denominated Scouts, at the expense of the United States. He is now directed by the President to inform his Excellency that the authority relative to the scouts is to be considered as having ceased upon the receipt of this letter, to which an immediate reply is requested. The reasons for this action are, that conditional orders have been sent to the Governor of the western territory, and to the commanding officer of the United States troops to act offensively against the Shawanese and outcast Cherokees joined with them inhabiting northwest of the Ohio, who are probably the banditti, which have for some time past committed depredations on the Counties lying along the Ohio; and as the militia or rangers hereafter described will, in cases of necessity, be permitted in lieu of the scouts. War office  
Authority given for calling out scouts in certain cases  
Authority ceased  
Reasons therefor

The representations of the then deplorable situation of the frontier counties, and the high estimation the said scouts were held in by the inhabitants, were the inducements of the President to consent to calling forth that expensive species of militia as a temporary measure for the

1790. protection of the exposed counties. Experience, however, has proved  
 July 17th the inefficiency of defensive measures for an extensive frontier against  
 straggling parties of Indians.
- President The President is anxiously desirous of effectually protecting the fron-  
 anxious to tiers, and will take all such reasonable measures as in his judgment the  
 protect case may require, and for which he shall be authorized by the Constitu-  
 the frontiers tion or the laws.
- In addition, he is directed by the President to inform his Excellency  
 that he has empowered the Governor of the Western territory & Briga-  
 dier-Gen'l Harman, or either of them, to make the arrangement here-  
 after described for the internal security of the exposed counties. The  
 said Governor or commanding officer will under their hands & seals,  
 empower the Lieutenants of such counties lying along the Ohio, to call  
 forth the number of militia or rangers, as they shall judge necessary,  
 and under prescribed regulations. The said militia or rangers shall not  
 exceed, for the internal defence of any County, one subaltern, one ser-  
 geant, one corporal, & twenty privates; but such less number may be  
 ordered at the discretion of the said Governor, commanding officer, or  
 County Lieutenant. The said Militia shall receive during the time of  
 their actual services, the same pay as established by law for the regular  
 troops of the U. States, & the Militia, to-wit: Lieutenant, twenty-two  
 dollars per month; Ensign, eighteen; Sergeant, five; Corporal, four;  
 Privates, three.
- Militia allowed each county
- Rations Rations furnished the rangers, in such manner as the County Lieut.  
 shall think proper. The subaltern to have two, and the non-commis-  
 sioned and privates, one each. The United States will allow for each  
 ration, six pence Virginia currency, or eight and one third hundredths of  
 a dollar. The Lieut. of each County to be responsible on oath that the  
 said rangers shall be called into service in cases of imminent danger  
 only, and discharged as soon as the danger shall cease. He hopes that  
 his Excellency will impress upon the County Lieuts. that these tem-  
 porary expedients should be conducted with the highest economy, so  
 that the permission given, if used with great discretion & only in cases  
 of real necessity, will in the future justify a more extensive & perfect  
 protection to the frontiers, should they require it. Copy of this cir-  
 cular sent to the Lieuts. of the Counties of Washington in Pennsyl-  
 vania; Harrison, Randolph, Ohio; Monongahalia, & Kenhawa, & Russel,  
 in Virginia; & Mason, Bourbon, Woodford, Madison, Lincoln, Mercer,  
 Nelson, & Jefferson, in Kentucky.

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July 19th JOHN JAMESON, CLERK OF CULPEPER COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOV-  
 ERNOR.

Sheriff Certifying that the Court this day recommends Saml. Clayton, French  
 Strother, & Edw'd Stevens for sheriff.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY COURT, MEMBERS THEREOF, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. 1790.

Petition asking for the pardon of Dick, negro man slave, property of Charity Buckner, an orphan, tried & convicted by said court on June 24th, 1790, of burglary, and sentenced to be hung on Friday, July 30th next. July 20th Gloucester County

MICHAEL BAILEY, CLERK OF SUSSEX COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR. July 20th

Certifying that the Court at its July term, recommends Lawrence Smith, Green Hill, & Rich'd Harwell, for sheriff. Sussex Co.

O. TOWLES, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY FOR ROCKINGHAM, TO THE GOVERNOR. July 21st

Petition for the pardon of a negro man slave Jack, the property of Wm. Ireland, of Rockingham Co., convicted of burglary & sentenced to be hung. He states that he is the Commonwealth's Attorney, and prosecuted the said slave. That the testimony of the accomplice was allowed against him, which is illegal, and conflicts with the act passed in October, 1789, a part of which reads thus: "That approvers shall never be admitted in any case whatsoever." That clause was totally overlooked by both myself and the Court, and in no manner construed for him in his favour. The other testimony was light, and could not have resulted in his conviction. He confesses that his inattention is a very poor excuse, when the life of a fellow creature is involved, but that it was carelessly, not wilfully done. He trusts that a pardon will issued and be given to Mr. Thomas Harrison, the bearer of this letter, which will be faithfully transmitted to the proper officer. Spotsylvania County Asking for the pardon of negro slave Jack Illegal testimony allowed

MARY WHITE TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 21st

Petition praying that certain muster fines assessed against her for her son Robert, be remitted as he is only 18 years of age. The certificate of Elisha White accompanies this petition, in which he states that he has examined the Register of the children of David White, deceased, & Mary his wife, entered in an old family book now in Mrs. White's possession, and finds that Robert White was born January 23d, 1773. He observes that the ages of all their children stand legible & plain one after the other, without any appearance of fraud or erasure. No place given To remit muster fines for her son Robert

1790.

JNO. BRACKER TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

July 22d  
Williams-  
burg  
Haman  
Snow  
Philadelphia  
Norfolk

Calling his attention to the case of Haman Snow, a mariner, who was yesterday admitted as a patient in the Lunatic Hospital. From the depositions taken in this case, it appeared that he had served his apprenticeship from the Port of Philadelphia, but that he has sailed two voyages at least to the West Indies out of Norfolk, from whence he was sent to this place. It was doubted whether this entitled him to a settlement, as the Court conceived that the object of the Hospital was limited by the Legislature to citizens of this State. But as he could not be permitted to go at large with safety, the Directors thought it prudent to admit him as a patient, and to submit it to his Excellency & Council to represent his case to the State of Pennsylvania, & make application for his support, if they deem such a measure necessary.

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July 23d

EDMUND RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Philadelphia  
Enclosing  
treaties

Stating that he found the enclosed treaties in his baggage, and that by the endorsement in Mr. Blair's handwriting, he suspects they belong to the Executive. Under that impression, he takes the liberty of enclosing them to his Excellency.

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July 25th

THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Norfolk  
Cape Henry  
Light-house

Enclosing a plot of the two acres for Cape Henry Light-house, with the Cape lands. He does not yet know what the cost of the survey is, and wishes to know how the surveyor is to be paid. Thinks the spot chosen is the most proper place for the Light, and requests his Excellency to inform him if the Cession can be completed without further proceedings on his part.

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July 27th PETER WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Prince  
George Co.

Certifying that the Court on this day recommends Francis Ruffin, Edmund Harrison, & Wm. Ball for magistrates.

## LIEUTENANT JOHN BULLOCK TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Petition showing that he had been fined by a court-martial Three pounds for non-attendance at a General Muster on October 18th, 1787. That he would have attended said Muster, and set out for that purpose, but that his horse was taken sick on the way, and he was compelled to return home. These facts were stated to the second Court-martial, but they have no power to grant a remission of the fine. He now applies to the Executive for the remission, for the reason stated, which has been sworn to by him, and herewith annexed.

July 27th  
Hanover Co.  
Petition for  
the remis-  
sion of a  
fine

## THOMAS ALLEN, CLERK OF MERCER COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 27th

Certifying that the Court recommends Grant Allen for magistrate.

Harrison-  
burg

## JAMES BLAND, CLERK, OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 27th

Certifying that the Court recommends Samuel Rust, Beckwith Butler, & John Rochester, for sheriff of said county.

Westmore-  
land County

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 27th

Stating that he had examined the claims for services rendered for the defence of Jefferson & Mercer counties referred to him, and begs leave to report them just.

Council  
office

## THOMAS SHORE &amp; A. W. ROBERT TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

July 27th

Recommending Mr. Henry Morris as a flour Inspector, for that part of Petersburg formerly Pocahontas, in the County of Chesterfield, as a competent person for the office, and conveniently situated, besides being sufficiently at leisure to attend properly to the business.

Petersburg  
Henry  
Morris, for  
flour  
inspector

1790. ESTEVAN MINET, GOVERNOR OF NEW ORLEANS, TO EDMUND RANDOLPH, ESQ., GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

July 27th The bearer of this letter, Mr. Oliver Pollock, had the honor of acting New Orleans as Public Agent at this place, during a considerable part of the late war, on the part of the United States, and also for the State of Virginia.

Oliver Pollock  
Public agent  
for United  
States and  
Virginia

Mr. Pollock in the execution of the orders he from time to time received from these states, contracted very considerable debts at this Place, which he was unable wholly to discharge, altho' he disposed of all his Estate, real and personal in this Country, at a great disadvantage, for the purpose of fulfilling his engagements with his creditors in this Province. Mr. Pollock has since his late arrival here, very honorably and to the entire satisfaction of his creditors in this Province, discharged all his remaining debts here, to a considerable amount, which he owed on account of the United States & the State of Virginia. The great integrity evinced by this Gentleman in the faithfull discharge of his engagements entered into for the service of his country, strongly interests me in his favour, and induces me to pray you will have the Goodness to take him under your protection, and that you will be pleased to give him your aid in obtaining as speedy reimbursement as may be for the moneys now due to him from the United States & the State of Virginia; which I shall esteem as a personal favour conferred upon myself.

His great  
integrity

I pray God to take you into his Holy keeping.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant.

July 28th H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

War office  
Russell  
County to be  
protected  
further in  
certain cases

Informing him that his letter of the 19th inst. with enclosures, had been received and submitted to the President. He says that if his Excellency should think that from the peculiar extent of Russell county, its situation would require an additional protection to that mentioned in his letter of the 19th inst., the President consents to his giving direction to one Lieutenant, one ensign, two sergeants, two corporals, and twenty-six privates, under same regulations as have been prescribed for the rangers of the other Counties. The orders given by his Excellency in case of an invasion of said County by a large body of Indians, appear perfectly just and proper.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. 1790.

Regretting that he is still unable to return to Richmond. His knee is considerably mended, yet it is far from being well. Hopes that a cure is not far distant. He has examined Mr. Shepard's work in the office respecting the Duties, & finds that payments have been made the Treasurer for what has been received, and trusts that his management has given satisfaction. He has attentively perused the Council's advice respecting certain arrangements to be made by the several public offices. If his office can be furnished with the state of accounts whenever requisite to calculate the Interest & Damages that Executions may be endorsed & proper copies prepared for Judgments, which the usual accuracy of the Auditor & his assistants doubtless will effect, the arrangement will be attended with singular benefit. He will cheerfully transfer his books to the Auditor, and prosecute the business in such a manner as his Excellency & council shall finally point out. He suggests that it would be well to request the Auditor to furnish the state of accounts for endorsing executions, as also those for Judgments at fixed periods, that the Auditor may know when to prepare, and the Solicitor when to be furnished with them, which will be the means of introducing a regularity that may be useful. Should anything further occur to him before receiving his Excellency's final orders upon the subject, he will lay it before him.

July 28th  
Hanover  
Not well yet  
  
Council's  
advice in  
regard to  
certain  
arrange-  
ments in the  
public offices

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. July 29th

Sir,

I had the honor on the 14th of April last, to transmit to your Excellency copies of certain letters to the Governor of the Western territory, or in his absence to Brigadier-General Harmar, and to Judge Innes, in order to exhibit the species of protection which had been authorized on the part of the United States for the protection of such of the frontier counties as should be exposed to the incursions of parties of Indians.

Since then, repeated information has been received of depredations committed on the Ohio, and in the counties lying along the same. From a variety of circumstances, it appears highly probable that the Shawanese and outcast Cherokees and others joined with them, have been the perpetrators of the said depredations. These Indians seem to form an incorrigible banditti, whose outrages cannot be prevented while they are suffered to inhabit the country lying between the lakes and the Ohio. Their whole numbers probably do not exceed two hundred fighting men.

War office  
Governor of  
the western  
territory  
  
Depreda-  
tions on the  
Ohio

The President of the United States, upon mature consideration, has



1790. therefore thought proper to give the Governor of the Western territory, July 29th and commanding officer, conditional orders to exterminate the said banditti: provided the same could be effected without interfering with the Ordered to be extirpated general object of peace with the regular tribes lying upon the Wabash and its vicinity.

General Harmar to command the expedition It is proposed that the expedition should be performed under the immediate Command of Brigadier-General Harmar, with about one hundred Continental troops, and three hundred militia of the neighbouring Counties of Kentucky, who should be engaged for thirty days from the Troops to be mounted time of their arrival at the place of rendezvous. It is further proposed that both the regular troops and militia should be mounted on horseback, if the nature of the Country should permit that mode of operation. The orders on this subject are to be considered as in force until the object shall be effected.

Expected result of these orders As it is to be expected that the result of the said orders will be productive of security and tranquillity to the frontiers, and as the expence of the Scouts is considered as too great to be longer supported, and as the rangers directed may effectually answer the same purpose, the President has thought proper to direct that the scouts in future be discontinued.

Letter on same subject enclosed to certain County Lieutenants I have the honor to enclose your Excellency, the copy of a letter on this subject to the County Lieutenants of Harrison, Randolph, Ohio, Monongahalia and Kenhawa; and also the county lieutenants of Mason, Bourbon, Woodford, Madison, Lincoln, Mercer, Nelson, and Jefferson, in Kentucky; and if you should be of opinion that the same protection ought to be extended to the counties of Washington, Russell, and Wythe, you will please to have the goodness to direct the lieutenants of the said counties conformably to the general rules pointed out in the regulations on the said subject. In which case the lieutenants of said counties, instead of having the service certified by the governor or Commanding officer on the Ohio, will have the service certified by your Excellency, or by your order, and the abstracts transmitted directly to this office.

Information in regard to forming wages of scouts by the state requested I have to request the further favor of your Excellency that you would be pleased to direct that the wages which have been allowed and paid by Virginia for the scouts for each year since the peace to be transmitted to me, together with the general rules which were directed by the state for calling said scouts into service, and the evidence required of the performance of such service.

I will thank your Excellency for directing that the enclosed letter be conveyed to Judge Innes, which, besides the letter respecting the rangers, contains letters for Brigadier-General Harmar.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect.

Your most obedient and very humble Serv't.

N. B.—The letter to Judge Innes & the Lieutenants of the counties of Kentucky will be prepared in a few days, and are not enclosed.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Stating that the County Lieuts. have made returns of the strength of the militia for the spring of 1790 from Essex, Campbell, Russell, Gloucester, Orange, Caroline, and Ohio counties.

August 4th  
Council  
office

GEORGE ADAMS TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

August 4th

Stating that he was instructed by Madison co. Court to enclose again to his Excellency the names of Thomas Kennedy, John Goggins, James French, Samuel Estill, John Kinkaid, James Anderson, Green Clay, & John Adams, recommended to be added to the Justices of this county at June court last, and certified to his Excellency. He is at a loss to guess the reason why they have not been commissioned. From some removals and the daily extension of the county, the court was of opinion that an additional number of magistrates ought to be appointed, and pursuant to the Constitution proceeded to recommend the above-named persons as the most proper to be appointed. He imagines that this order should have been superior to any private information which could be given. He now makes application for the commissions agreeably to the said order of court, or the reasons for the contrary, as the court may take further order therein.

Madison  
Justices  
recom-  
mended

COLONEL WM. FINNIE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

August 5th

Enclosing instructions rec'd by him from the secretary of war, in regard to having certain Cannon belonging to the United States & lying at Tucker's mills near Norfolk, also a quantity of shot & shell lying at Yorktown, removed to New York. He says that there is no doubt of the fact that they belong to the United States, as he well remembers that they were brought from France by the way of Carolina. He has engaged a vessel to carry them away, and requests his Excellency to issue the order for that purpose. Some of the shot & shell at Yorktown have been pilfered by some New England vessels, & he is informed by Col. Newton that some of the cannon were carried away from Norfolk some time ago.

Norfolk  
Cannon  
at Norfolk  
Brought  
from France

1790.

## SPOTSYLVANIA COURT TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 6th      Recommending Jack, negro slave, convicted on June 28th. 1790, of  
 Negro slave      burglary, & sentenced to be hung, for pardon—He being Convicted on  
 Jack recom-      the evidence of a negro who was an accomplice in the said burglary,  
 mended for      but was not indicted for the same. If the witness here mentioned comes  
 pardon          under the description of an approver & is applicable under the Act of  
                      Assembly passed in 1789, to the present case, they wish him pardoned.

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August 9th      BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, TO THE UNITED STATES.

Richmond      Deed of cession of two acres of land at Cape Henry, in Princess Anne  
 Cession of      Connty, Va., for the purpose of erecting a light-house thereon. The  
 two acres      United States to build the light-house, equip it, and keep it in repair,  
 for Light-      and to pay the salary, wages, or hire of the person or persons appointed  
 house          by the President of the United States for the superintendence and care  
 To be built      of the same. The light-house to be built within seven years after the  
 within          cession of the said two acres of land. If it should not be built within  
 seven years      said seven years, or if after it is erected, it should be allowed to fall into  
                      decay or rendered useless for the purposes for which it was erected, and  
                      so continue for the space of seven years, then the property in the soil  
                      & the jurisdiction over the territory hereby vested in the United States,  
                      shall revert to this Commonwealth, and the property & jurisdiction to  
                      be considered in like manner as if this act had never been made: pro-  
                      vided that nothing contained in this act shall effect the right of this  
                      State to any materials heretofore placed at or near Cape Henry for the  
                      purpose of Erecting a light-house, nor shall the citizens be debarred, in  
 Materials      consequence of this cession, from the privileges they now enjoy of haul-  
 heretofore      ing their seines and fishing on the shores of the said land so ceded to  
 placed at      the United States.  
 Cape Henry

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August 9th      H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

War office      Requesting him to forward the Enclosed packet of letters to Judge  
                      Innes, of Kentucky, in the safest and most expeditious manner.

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August 10th

WM. TATHAM TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Dear Sir,  
 Richmond      This morning's work on my map brings me to a very serious  
                      subject, which (tho' it may escape common observation, as it appears

trifling at first view,) I conceive my duty to consult your Excellency on, as a confidential business. It is simply the colouring of the Islands in the Mississippi; for if We ever mean to contest the sole Exclusive navigation with the Spaniards (which one day must be the case), we ought to neglect no step to propagate the earliest evidence of perpetual claim, and as Maps have a tendency to beget prejudice, which often turns the scale of Fact on intricate and distant matter, there can be nothing amiss, I suppose, in such a peaceable assertion of our *future expectations*; for, if I am right in my general observation, such is the disposition of the People and common course of nature, whatever present policy may dictate officially.

1790.

August 10th  
Work on his  
Map

I would not, however, have it understood that I apply to your Excellency for anything more than your opinion and advice founded on ample information; for if you think it well to consult the supreme authority, perhaps the Communication would come thro' your Excellency's hands with the greatest propriety. At all events I am persuaded the People of Carolina, Georgia, and the Western Settlements abstractedly considered, will avail themselves when they have power to seize the whole to their use independent of Eastern consequence.

His Excellency's  
opinion

I have finished the outlines of Maryland. If your Excellency can point out a Channell by which I shall get their District and County Lines, &c., you will oblige me much, as I have no acquaintance in that State.

Outlines of  
Maryland

Whenever you have leisure, I shall be happy to see you or any of the Gentlemen of the Executive at my office in the Masons' Hall, and the oftener the better, as matters frequently occur wherein your advice might be proper.

I am, D<sup>r</sup> Sir,Y<sup>r</sup> much obliged H. Serv't.

P. S.—I have platted the Powtowmack by the manuscript Maps, and the Ohio by Hutchings; the Carolina Line being extended by Walker's added by Byrd's of 1728, and Fry & Jefferson's of 1749, agrees so accurately tho' taken from different scales, that after going round so many Hundred miles, there is not more variation than might be occasioned by the prick of the Compasses, which I hold as a strong proof of the correctness of all those works.

The Powtowmack  
The Ohio

## SIMON FRAZIER TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

August 10th

He is directed by the Common Hall to inform his Excellency that an attempt was made to burn the Town of Petersburg on the night of the 4th inst., by setting fire to the house of Mr. Alexander Horsburg in two places, which, if it had not been providentially discovered & extinguished,

Petersburg  
Attempt to  
burn the  
town

1790. great destruction of private property, as well as public property in the Tobacco warehouses, would have been the result. A reward of one hundred pounds has been offered by the Town, for information that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators. The propriety is suggested to his Excellency (being the guardian of the public property,) of issuing his proclamation to the same purport. The intention was, it is supposed, to liberate the criminals from the District jail by drawing the attention of the inhabitants to a more distant portion of the town.

August 10th S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Richmond Enclosing a report of Executions against delinquent sheriffs, issued  
Delinquent previous to the last General Court, and which are now returned to this  
sheriffs office, with endorsements setting forth that sales could not be made for want of buyers, viz:

Garland Anderson,	sheriff of Hanover,	for taxes for 1782.
Peter Sampson,	" Goochland,	" 1784-5.
Abram Penn,	" Henry,	" 1784.
Wm. Nall,	" Rockingham,	" 1784.
Jno. Pollard,	" Stafford,	" 1784-5.
Lawrence Baker,	" Isle of Wight,	" 1785-6.
Otway Byrd,	" Chas. City,	" 1786-7.
Simon Triplett,	" Loudoun,	" 1786.
Jno. Bernard,	" Buckingham,	" 1787.
Jas. Upshaw,	" Caroline,	" 1787.
Hugh Innis,	" Franklin,	" 1787.
Wm. Royster,	" Goochland,	" 1787.
Armistead Russell,	" New Kent,	" 1787.
Jno. McMillan,	" Prince William,	" 1787.
Geo. Rives,	" Sussex,	" 1787.
Thos. Mountjoy,	" Stafford,	" 1787.

August 10th

THE AUDITOR TO THE GOVERNOR.

Auditor's office Informing him that he has no vouchers for the service of scouts or spies since March, 1789, at which period he made up an account of the expenses incurred by the State in defending the Western Frontier subsequent to the session. An account of the claims settled since that time Can be made up supplemental to the one transmitted, which he will set about immediately if directed so to do by his Excellency.

Expenses of scouts or spies

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

An account of the payments by the State of Virginia since February 20th, 1789, for the services of Scouts & Rangers on the frontiers: August 10th  
 To Sundries per Voucher, No. 1, for the year 1788, - £1,278, 18s, 6d. Auditor's  
 ditto, " " 2, " " 1789, - 1,590, 13 5 office  
 £2,868, 11s, 11d.

THOS. ANDERSON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

August 11th

Petition asking that a fine of £50 imposed upon him by the Mecklen- Mecklen-  
 burg Co. court for assaulting one Jno. Winkler, be remitted as being burg  
 excessive, extravagant, & immoderate under the circumstances. The Petition for  
 court encloses a certificate to the same effect; in which they say that the remis-  
 £20 would have been in every respect sufficient. sion of a  
 fine

GEO. WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

August 13th

Proclamation of a Treaty of Peace between the United States and New York  
 the Creek nation of Indians, composed of the tribes of the Upper, Mid-  
 dle, and Lower creeks, and Semanokies, concluded on August 7th, 1790.

JOHN BROWN TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 13th

Enclosing a statement of his account for arranging 3,760 suits pend- Richmond  
 ing in the General Court to the Several District Courts, making two Account for  
 lists thereof, & taxing costs in 5,072 instances for plaintiffs & Defendants. arranging  
 Making Copies of necessary papers at 10 lbs. Tobacco for each order, suits  
 and 1 lb. Tobacco for every 20 words in the other copies, will amount to  
 6,386 lbs. Tobacco. The British Suits have been retained by order of  
 the General Court, and are not included.

JOHN MARSTON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 14th

Enclosing his Commission as Ensign in the militia of Charles City Charles City  
 County, dated Aug. 1, 1787, and signed by Beverley Randolph, Lieut.-  
 Governor, at Richmond 14th of August, 1787.

1790.

THOMAS DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 14th      Stating that he is inclined to believe that Mr. Oldham has from Party  
 Northam-      dispute, been placed the last in the nomination of Tobacco Inspectors.  
 berland      Fearing that this will not only deprive him of a Comfortable office, but  
 Mr. Oldham      at the same time injure his character, he has applied to him for assist-  
 for Tobacco      ance in this matter. He therefore takes the liberty of saying that he  
 Inspector      believes Mr. Oldham the most useful, & indeed the most agreeable of any  
                  person in the nomination, to all who have any concern for the reputa-  
                  tion of our Tobacco, and hopes that the Executive will continue in office  
                  a sober person, who has served the Publick three years in this capacity  
                  with diligence & honesty.

August 14th      SIMON FRAZIER TO JAS. WOOD, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Petersburg      Enclosing sundry affidavits of citizens of Petersburg, on which to  
                  ground a proclamation from the Gov'r offering a reward for the appre-  
                  hension & conviction of the person or persons who attempted to fire this  
                  town on the night of the 4th Inst.

August 17th      James Lyle, Alex'r Banks, Andrew Nicolson, Nat. Kelso, & Furning  
 Chesterfield      & Wardrop, to the Gov'r & Council, recommending Wm. Ball for Inspec-  
                  tor of Hemp for Chesterfield County.

August 19th      ALEXANDER HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO GOVERNOR  
                  BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

New York      I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the  
 Receipt of      9th inst., containing a Cession of two Acres of Ground on Cape Henry  
 cession of      to the United States, intended for the Site of the Light-House. On the  
 two acres      return of the President, who is now on a visit to Rhode Island, meas-  
 for Light-      ures will be taken for the early completion of a Building, so necessary  
 house at      to the Commerce of the States on the Chesapeak.  
 Cape Henry

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient Servant.

ARCH'D DENHOLM TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Calling his attention to the unusual indistry and address displayed by him in the collection of Vouchers in the Gloucester District, asking that his services in this matter be reconsidered, and he be allowed a further allowance.

August 23d  
Richmond

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR.

August 24th

Reporting that he had visited the Post at the Point of Fork and Examined the Arsenal, magazine, &c. The new French arms continue in good order, except some small spots on the barrels, occasioned probably by the late rains. Three of the apartments in the Arsenal Contain by the Return 5,717 old dissorted muskets, these appear to be in good repair, except that the greatest part of the bayonets which have been forged at the Post, are in a rough State—never having been ground. The machine for this purpose being reported out of repair.

Report on  
the Post at  
Point of  
Fork

Old muskets

The new Cartridge boxes & other accoutrements imported from France, are carefully packed & appear well preserved. There are a large number of old ones in good repair, lying on the floor in the loft of the Arsenal—they appear to be somewhat mouldy; they would be better preserved if packed in cases like the others. A large number of old arms are piled in the loft of the Work-shop, very rusty, and should be cleaned immediately. A number of good musket-barrels cleaned, & he is informed that the stockers are preparing stocks for them. The powder is all removed into the new magazine, the walls of which do not appear to be sufficiently dry. This is occasioned by two or three leaks in the roof. He is informed that the Superintendent intends putting on a new roof immediately on a better construction.

Powder

He is unable to make so accurate a Report as he wishes on account of the absence of the Superintendent. His assistant not being so well acquainted with the business as to give satisfactory answers to some of the inquiries he thought proper to make.

Superin-  
tendent  
absent

HENRY ANDERSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 24th

Petition shewing that the Amelia county court are about to fix the courthouse and public buildings on the land mortgaged by him to secure a debt due from him to the Public, on account of the late Christopher Hudson, Sheriff. And as the Court has doubts about their right to place

Amelia  
Courthouse  
and public  
buildings



1790. the public buildings on his lands in its present situation, he prays his  
 August 24th Excellency to give the Court leave to take as many acres of the said  
 lands for the above purpose as are prescribed by law. They paying the  
 value thereof to the credit of his said debt.

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August 25th ALEX'R MOSELEY, CLERK OF THE COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Norfolk Certifying that the Court recommends John Boush, Gent., for alder-  
 Borough man, in place of Wm. Plume, gent., who declined-qualifying to his com-  
 mission.

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August 26th Jno. Beckley, Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting  
 New York three Copies of the Journal of the proceedings of that House—One for  
 the Executive, and one for each branch of the State legislature.

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August 26th JOHN EDWARDS, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF BOURBON COUNTY, TO BEV-  
 ERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Kentucky Stating that he had at several times transmitted the number of mili-  
 Militia tia in this county, tho' the Emigration is so considerable, he cannot with  
 any exactness inform him of the number. There has never been one  
 penny collected for fines on acct. of delinquencies in this County.

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August 26th BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Sir,  
 Richmond A Doubt has arisen whether the commissioner's Fees & other ex-  
 pences attending the Sales of Land under the Revenue Laws are to be  
 Commissioner's fees, defrayed out of the Amount of the sales. As this matter is of consid-  
 &c. erable moment & has been much agitated in some counties, the Execu-  
 tive request your opinion upon the subject.

I am, Sir,  
 Y'r obed't Serv't.

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August 27th JAMES INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond I am of opinion that the Commissioner's fees, and every other legal  
 The opinion expence attending the Sales of Lands under the Revenue Laws, are  
 payable out of the money produced therefrom.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herein enclosed a collection of the Acts passed by the Congress of the United States at their second session, to which are annexed all the Treaties which have been already made and promulgued under the Authority of the United States, and of being with sentiments of the most perfect respect,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient &amp; most humble Servant.

August 30th  
New York  
Enclosing  
Acts of Con-  
gress and all  
treaties  
made

COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

August 31st

Sir,

I had observed the application made by Mr. Jefferson prior to the receipt of your Excellency's letter, as I formerly informed you. I have since examined the matter more particularly, and find it has no relation to any discrimination between State & Continental paper, but only respects a transaction between the Continental Treasurer and a person on whom the State had procured a bill for a sum in paper, which the Treasurer had exchanged for a sum in specie; which exchange Mr. Jefferson did not wish should bind the State, but that a credit for the amount of the paper should be given her. The board have not sat for some weeks past—their authority having expired, and the new appointments being but lately made. Their clerks, however, still go on with business. The proofs of the relative value of State & Continental paper forwarded by you, seem satisfactory to the Commissioners.

New York  
Mr. Jeff-  
erson  
State and  
Continental  
Paper

In haste, I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obed't Serv't.

S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. August 31st

Asking for a warrant for Thirty pounds to defray expences of Riders with executions, &c., against sundry publick debtors.

Richmond

DANIEL MILLER TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

August

Petition asking that a fine of six pounds assessed against him by Frederick County Court, be remitted—It being for a breach of the peace committed by him against one Wm. Phillips for excessive abuse. He asserts that the prosecution was malicious, and refers his Excellency to the signatures of his neighbors who testify to his character as a peaceable, honest, and industrious man.

Winchester  
Petition for  
remission of  
a fine

1790.

EDWARD Voss TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 1st Richmond Petition shewing that he had been fined Five pounds by the Court of King & Queen Co., for contempt of court for not asking & obtaining the leave of the court after having been empaneled as a juror. He states that he was called to that court as a witness in a case; which case was postponed; that the sheriff summoned him for a juryman; that he served on one Jury; that being ignorant of the customs of courts, (never having served on a Jury in Richmond on account of his engagements with the Public), and being very anxious to get back to Richmond to his business & family, he left—not being aware of the necessity of first obtaining leave of the court; and in this way committed the unintentional contempt. He therefore prays the remission of the said fine.

Sept. 1st John Eager Enlisted in 1776 T. Posey certifying that John Eager enlisted with him on February 13th, 1776, in the 7th Virginia Regiment. He re-enlisted in said Regiment on Feb. 14, 1777, during the war. He was detached on June 10th following from the 7th Reg't, & incorporated in his company in the Rifle Reg't commanded by Col. Morgan; in which Corps he was on the 19th September, 1777, wounded through his left arm by a shot at the battle of Stilwater; that he continued with the Reg't until November, when he was sent to the Hospital where his wound mortified & deprived him totally of the use of his arm. He can with truth say that a more orderly & brave soldier was not within his knowledge.

Wounded  
Lost the use of his arm

Sept. 21

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

New York I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Protection to Russell County stated to the President of the United States the protection you have approved by the President extended to Russell county, who expressed his approbation thereof.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the lieutenant-governor's favor of the 17th ultimo, with its enclosures.

Governor St. Clair has in person, laid before the President the plan of the proposed operation against the Wabash Indians, which has been approved.

It being the anxious desire of the President that the expedition should be effectual and not require a repetition, all the arrangements are made to accomplish so desirable an end. For this purpose, Governor St. Clair

has been further empowered to require, if necessary, an additional number of men. If therefore, there are any measures necessary to be taken by your Excellency and the Council, in order to facilitate an additional number of men, the President of the United States hopes that they will be expedited with all possible dispatch.

1790.  
Sept. 2d

It has been suggested that the expedition may be hable to miscarriage from a jealousy of the militia and regular troops. It is devoutly to be wished that such suggestions may be entirely unfounded. But if jealousies should exist, it would be highly important that they should be entirely removed, or suspended during the season of activity. I shall write particularly on this point to Governor St. Clair and to Brigadier General Harnar, to adopt the most conciliating conduct.

Jealousy of  
the Militia  
and Regular  
troops

It has also been mentioned as a circumstance of considerable importance to the success of the expedition, that Colonels Logan and Selby should be induced to accompany the militia on the expedition, even as volunteers, great confidence being placed in the characters of those gentlemen. Could your Excellency therefore influence those gentlemen to go forth on this occasion, it would be highly acceptable, and might tend greatly to the accomplishment of the public good. The expence of the expedition will be great, and if it should fail by any circumstances whatever, the public injury and disappointment will be in proportion. It is thought proper for particular political reasons, to give the expedition the appearance of being levelled only at the Shawanese.

Cols. Logan  
and Selby

I have the honor to enclose some copies of the Creek treaties for your Excellency; and am with the greatest respect,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient and very humble servant.

COL. WALTER CROCKETT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 3d

Sir,

I, a few days ago rec'd your letter dated in June last, informing me the President of the United States has authorized the Executive of this State to afford us some assistance in case the savages should commit Depredations in our county. I am induced to believe, if the authority be no further extended, that it will be of very little service to us, after the commission of hostilities on the frontiers of this county, 250 miles from the Executive. Communications would then be altogether unnecessary, the savages would be out of reach before orders could be received. A week or two ago, 5 or 6 persons were killed by the Indians on Clinch, in Russell county, which is very near us; it is uncertain when hostilities may be committed on the inhabitants of this County, but I think we are in as eminent danger as any people can possibly be exposed to.

Wythe Co.  
President of  
United  
States  
Assistance  
in case of  
Depreda-  
tions of  
the savages

Persons  
killed

1790. The recommendations of militia officers for this county were put into  
 Sept. 3d the Hands of Colo. Lynch to carry down 3 months ago; it seems they  
 Militia have by some means miscarryd. I Have now sent by way of Express  
 officers the recommendations of militia officers for this County, & an acct. of  
 Situation of the present situation of its harrassed Inhabitants. I am Hopes your  
 the inhab- Excellency will grant Mr. Joseph Evans an order for his pay—he having  
 itants rode 250 miles to carry this, without any other business.  
 Jos. Evans

I am, Sir,  
 Your ob't Servant.

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Sept. 6th H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

War office Requesting him to forward the enclosed important packet to William  
 Governor Blount, Esq., Governor of the Territory of the United States ceded by  
 Wm. Blount North Carolina. He is on the frontiers of North Carolina, at Washing-  
 ton Court House, between the forks of French, Broad, and Holstein  
 Col. Arthur rivers, which form the Tennessee. It may be sent to the care of Col.  
 Campbell Arthur Campbell, with a request to forward it by Express to Governor  
 Blount, if his Excellency should have an immediate and safe opportu-  
 nity. If not, he will please forward it by a special Express, whose  
 account shall be paid on information of the amount, by order on Colonel  
 Heth.

He also transmits to his Excellency some proclamations by the Presi-  
 dent of the United States, respecting the observance of certain treaties  
 and a law passed the last session relative to indian affairs.

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Sept. 7th JNO. JAS. MAUND TO THE HONORABLE JAMES WOOD, ESQ.

Westmore- Requesting that he will propose his name to the Executive, and ask  
 land that he be appointed a Notary Public for Westmoreland, Richmond,  
 Northumberland, & Lancaster Counties.

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Sept. 7th ALEX'R BROWN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Prince Wil- • Enclosing the order of Prince William Court, recommending him for  
 liam Co. Sheriff, and asking that his Commission be sent him as speedily as pos-  
 sible.

JNO. HARDIN, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1790.

Stating that he had sent him a general return of the militia for this county. Very few of the officers have commissions, owing principally to removals, resignations, & preferments. There is not a commissioned Field officer in the county. He asks that he will order at least one hundred blank commissions to this county.

Sept. 8th  
Nelson Co.  
Militia

EDMUND RANDOLPH, Esq., TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sept. 9th

Sir,

The board of property here, have decided on several claims under Virginia, to lands which have fallen within the limits of Pennsylvania, in consequence of the meridian drawn from the Western Extremity of Mason & Dixon's line, when extended & due west, five degrees of longitude from the river Delaware. They are about to proceed still farther, and from a communication made to me yesterday in the line of my profession, I am satisfied that the rights of those who depend on the support of Virginia, have at least not been well understood.

Philadel-  
phia  
Virginia  
land claims

I suspect that the board has not yet received an authentic statement of our land laws. This was formerly directed to be prepared, and I had a conversation, long since forgotten, with the Attorney-general of Virginia on the subject. As well, however, as I now recollect, he could do nothing in it without a full copy of our laws, for which he might possibly have depended on me. If you conceive that I can be instrumental in warding off the injuries, which many claimants may sustain, from an ignorance of our laws, I shall be ready to state them to the board, in behalf of our state; and perhaps it may be considered as proper that your Excellency should have a report of what has been done in those cases of lands, claimed under Virginia titles. Here too, my services are at your command. If they should be thought important, a letter to President Mifflin, might best open the business.

Land laws

I have the honor Sir, to be,

Y'r respectful &amp; obed. serv.

JNO. EDWARDS, CLERK OF BOURBON COUNTY COURT, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sept. 9th

Stating that he had made application to the commissioners appointed under the Act for Equalizing the Land Tax for the books of the Land Tax, but has not received them. He has since been applied to to compare and certify the Commissioner's lists, which he cannot with safety do for want of said books. He desires a speedy answer on this subject.

Bourbon  
Land tax  
books not  
received

1790. Wm. Nelson, clerk of Caroline county Court, certifying that Peyton  
Sept. 9th Stern, Thomas Alcock, Wm. Buckner, Sen'r, and James Bowie, are re-  
Caroline Co. commended to his Excellency, the Governor, and Council, for Tobacco  
Inspectors at Roy's warehouse.

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Sept. 14th JNO. GREEN, JR., AND OTHERS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Fanquier Petition for the pardon of Joe, negro man-slave, tried and sentenced  
to be hung for administering drugs. They feel assured of his innocence,  
which they say has been proven to their satisfaction, and that the Evi-  
dence which convicted him was intended as Evidence against his father,  
Mazar, a negro man-slave, who was known to have mixed and adminis-  
tered drugs. The said Mazar at a subsequent trial was tried and also  
sentenced to be hung.

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Sept. 15th II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

War In pursuance of an Act of the Congress of the United States "to  
Department enable the officers and Soldiers of the Virginia line on continental estab-  
Officers and lishment, to obtain titles to certain lands lying northwest of the river  
soldiers of Ohio, between the little Miami and Sciota," I have the honor to trans-  
Virginia line mit to your Excellency a list\* of said officers and soldiers, who are upon  
Titles to record in this office.  
land

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's Most obedient & most hum. Serv't.

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Sept. 15th II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

War The Congress of the United States have directed the register of the  
Department Treasury to issue certificates to the military invalids and to the Widows  
Register of and Orphans of such officers, non-commissioned and privates who were  
military killed or died while in the Service of the United States, and who are  
Invalids, entitled to pensions by the Act of Congress for the arrears of their pen-  
widows, &c. sions due prior to the 4th of March 1789. It is therefore become neces-  
Entitled to sary to ascertain with precision the sum due to each individual of the  
pensions above description. As several of the States may have paid a part or  
Sums due the whole of the said arrears since the return received at this office.

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\* Not found.

I have the honor respectfully to request that you would be pleased to cause me to be informed whether any such payment of arrears has been made by the State of Virginia since the 17th day of March, 1790, the date of the list transmitted to this office by your direction.

If any partial payments have been made by the State of Virginia, I take the liberty to request the information whether any arrears prior to the said 4th of March, 1789, remain due; and if so, the amount to each individual? If no payments have been made since the date of the list, the arrearages may be made out at this office, presuming on the accuracy of the list received.

1790.

Sept. 15th  
Payment of  
arrearsPartial  
payments

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant.

## EDWARD MCGUIRE AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 20th

This is a petition signed by a large number of the inhabitants of Frederick and adjoining counties praying for the pardon of Doctor James Medlicott, who was convicted at the last District court held in Winchester, and sentenced to be hung on Octo. 22d, next, for the murder of one Wm. Hefferman. They state that he was exceedingly provoked with abusive epithets, and struck with a heavy cudgel by the said Hefferman, when he ran into the house, seized the first weapon he could find, which proved to be a spade, with which he struck the deceased and by which blow he was killed. They consider Medlicott a peaceably disposed man, and the circumstances very aggravating, and though the law declared him guilty, and pronounced his sentence, they yet appeal to the mercy of the Executive in this case, and beg them to consider the great difference in character of the two men, and extend the mercy which they so earnestly seek for this unfortunate man.

Winchester  
Petition for  
pardon of  
Dr. James  
Medlicott  
for murder

## CH. SIMMS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sept. 20th

Sir,

Having a Title derived from the State of Virginia to a considerable quantity of land in the territory ceded by Virginia to the State of Pennsylvania, I take the liberty of informing you that by an Act of the Legislature of that State, all titles which shall not be carried into grant by the first of next April, are declared void.

The board of Property in Pennsylvania refuse to order Patents for Lands claimed under Virginia rights, because they say they are not furnished with a complete collection of our Land laws duly authenticated.

Alexandria  
Land titles  
in Pennsyl-  
vaniaBoard of  
property re-  
fuse Patents



1790. Unless those laws are speedily forwarded to the Board of property, many citizens of Virginia will be deprived of very valuable property within the state of Pennsylvania. This consideration I am persuaded will induce you to take effectual measures to furnish the Board of property with all the Laws passed in this State, respecting the granting of Lands. Most of those Laws have been frequently revised and continued. The Acts for the revival and Continuance of them ought also to be forwarded.

I am Sir, with due respect,  
Y<sup>r</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> Servt.

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Sept. 25th THOMAS V. BROOKING, CLERK OF AMELIA COUNTY COURT.

Amelia Co. Certifying that Henry Anderson, Edmund Booker, & John Pride, are  
Sheriff recommended to the Governor, for sheriff.

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Sept. 27th J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Regulations Enclosing the report of the Committee appointed Dec. 29th, 1789, to  
in the public make certain regulations for the more efficient and safer conduct of the  
officers Auditor's, Treasurer & Solicitor's offices, and which had been submitted to him for any suggestions he might think proper to make. He states that he has no alteration to suggest. That he is satisfied with the laws as they now stand, but will use his best endeavors to render it adequate to the attainment of the objects of the law under which it is formed.

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Sept. 28th ALEXANDER HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Treasury I have the honor to inform you, that the funds necessary to dis-  
department charge the arrears due to the Virginia line, have been placed in the  
New York hands of the Pay Master General, with instructions to remit them to  
Funds for John Hopkins, Esquire, Commissioner of Loans for your State, to whom  
the arrears the execution of the business is Committed. Mr. Hopkins is furnished  
to the Vir- with the official returns, and has my directions to inform you of the  
ginia line receipt of the money, that you may cause the same to be made known  
placed in hands of the persons concerned.  
Pay-master General

I have the honor to be with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most obed<sup>t</sup> & most hum. serv<sup>t</sup>.

## S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1790.

Requesting an order on the auditor, for a warrant on the Treasurer October 1st  
for £30, to defray expences of Riders with notices to delinquent Inspect- Richmond  
tors, and on duty Bonds.

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 1st

Stating that he has examined the Pay Roll of the Supt. & artificers Council  
at the Point of Fork, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, and finds the office  
same truly stated, with a balance due of £138, 16s, 6d. Pay roll of the Pay-rolls at  
Guard, as usual for the same time, amounts to £72, 12s. By an account Point of  
of cash received and expended, it appears that £27, 7s, 4½d. remains in Fork  
the hands of the Supt. £73, 4s, 1½d. having been expended for contin- Amounts  
gencies, and to clothe the Guard, the account whereof is submitted. expended  
Estimate for forage for 1790-1, as usual is £70, & is also submitted.

## CAPT. E. LANGHAM TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 1st

Stating that his letter of July 16th not having been received, is the Richmond  
reason that his Excellency had gotten no answer. He is sensible of the  
justice on which the Honl. Board took up the business in regard to the  
complaint of Thomas Harris. He observes the number of charges Thomas  
against him, and for his general conduct at the Post, must refer his Harris  
Excellency to the artificers, soldiers and the neighboring inhabitants.  
He frequently has small jobs done in the shop, both for himself and Jobs done in  
neighbors, but they are small jobs & such as cannot be done in the the shop  
neighborhood, but has never made a charge, either for his own or the  
public's benefit. He keeps the public waggon in his own service except  
when wanted for public use, for which service he amply repays the pub- Public  
lic by purchasing fine wood of Mr. Ross at his own expence, & hiring wagon  
waggons at his own expence to assist in hantling whenever occasion  
requires. A great quantity of work done in the shop, appears to be  
private, considering the place as an armoury only, but from the number  
of buildings requiring hinges and other articles made here, which would  
have to be purchased, and which my returns will prove, the public are at  
no expence; all old musket barrels and other unservicable material are  
worked up when occasion requires. Lastly, he conceives that it is im-  
possible for him to waste the public property, when he considers that he  
must account for all deficiencies, or give just reasons when they are  
gone. As to his punishing & dismissing Harris, he considered his crime  
sufficiently deserved it, and he knew of no other redress against him. Punishing  
Harris

1790. He has been here but 2 months & 23 days. He endeavored to get the  
 October 1st artificers in confusion by trying to dissatisfy them with their wages,  
 saying that the Supt. was the cause of it, and that the Executive desire  
 was that their wages should not be so low. That he had influence with  
 the Executive & would see that they were raised, & other things of this  
 nature, which he thought (together with being informed that he was  
 not honest), sufficient reason for punishing & dismissing him.

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October 5th ARTHUR CAMPBELL, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF WASHINGTON CO., TO ———.

Washington Stating that he had on Sept. 26th last, received a letter from Lt. Gov'r  
 Letters received for Wood on public business. Also one directed to the County Lieut. of  
 and for Russell Co.; also Letters to the County Lieut. in the Kentucky Dist.;  
 forwarded to one for Gov'r St. Clair; all through Mr. James Campbell, of Wythe Co.  
 Governor St. Said letters have been forwarded to Harry Innes, Esq., through Jerse  
 Clair and others Walker, Esq., and doubtless safely arrived in Kentucky before this time.

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October 7th DANIEL TOMPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Collector of Stating that he had been Commissioned by Honl. Jas. Wood, to col-  
 taxes for lect the Revenue Taxes of Henry County for 1786, but was too sick to  
 Henry Co. procure sufficient security before the last Court adjourned. He now  
 has the security to offer when the next Court meets. Col. Geo. Hair-  
 ston applied to the Court to be recommended in his stead. He trusts  
 that his Excellency will, under the circumstances, permit him to retain  
 his Commission, and give the proper security at next Court.

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October 7th JOHN TYLER, PETERFIELD TRENT, AND OTHERS, TO BEVERLY RAN-  
 DOLPH, ESQ., GOVERNOR.

Petition for This is a petition for the pardon of one Charles Burkes, now under  
 pardon of sentence of death for horse stealing. They state that his conviction  
 Charles could only have been effected but by his confession, which he was induced  
 Burkes to make by promises of mercy. They acknowledge the very bad  
 character of the criminal, and plead his pardon for the reason stated  
 above, and for the sake of his aged parents, who are highly respectable  
 people. They promise to send him away from the Continent if par-  
 doned, with the assurance that he shall never return. Accompanying  
 these petitions, is a remonstrance from numerous well known citizens of  
 Remon- Nottoway County, against the law being interfered with in this case, as  
 strance against his pardon

they are prepared to prove to his Excellency the numerous frauds and other villanies which the said Burkes has committed, and whom they conceive to be not in the least entitled to clemency. 1790. October 7th

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JOHN HOPKINS, U. S. COMMISSIONER OF LOANS FOR VIRGINIA, TO THE GOVERNOR. October 7th

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to acquaint your Excellency that he has instructed me to discharge the arrears of pay & subsistence due to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the late Virginia line, on Continental establishment, agreeably to statements of the balances due, which have been transmitted to this office, and farther to request that your Excellency will be pleased to communicate this information in the most effectual manner, to the several claimants, to prevent impositions. I have received from the Paymaster-General sundry drafts, of the Treasurer of the United States, on the several Collectors in this State, which I have put into a train of Collection, the monies to be applied to this object, and I have the expectation of being in complete readiness to discharge these arrears upon proper applications, agreeably to the terms of the resolutions of Congress passed on the 7th June last, in the course of the ensuing week.

Instructed  
to pay  
arrears of  
pay, &c., of  
officers and  
privates of  
late Virginia  
line

I have the honor to be with great respect Sir,

Your mo. ob't servant.

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WM. POLLARD, CLERK OF HANOVER COUNTY COURT, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH. October 9th

Certifying that John Syme, commissioned to be sheriff of this county, Hanover Co. hath not entered into bond with security, for the collection of taxes as John Syme the law directs.

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JOHN SYME TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 9th

Stating that he had offered sufficient security to the Court for his office of Sheriff, but they would not determine on its validity, alledging that they wanted a full bench. They seem to be contending against the Executive and wish to deprive him of his undoubted right to the Sheriffalty. He requests that no new commission be granted, as no evil can arise to the public by a postponement of the matter.

Hanover  
Security  
offered;  
court would  
not  
determine

1790.

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 9th      Informing him that a letter, together with a pay roll has been put  
                     Council      into his hands from Otho H. Williams, Esquire, in regard to the services  
                     office      of a Company of Militia Cavalry, in Jefferson County in 1788, asking  
                     Militia      such information thereon, as may be necessary for the adjustment of the  
                     cavalry in      said Pay Roll. He begs leave to report to his Excellency, that the said  
                     Jefferson Co.      Pay Rolls had already been presented to the Executive for settlement,  
                     None      but was rejected upon the principle that no militia cavalry were author-  
                     authorized      ized by that body to be called into service.

                    That a Petition to the assembly for allowing the *additional* expences  
                     attending the employment of Cavalry instead of Rangers, hath been  
                     rejected. That the Board of Officers Authorized by the Executive to  
                     Scouts and      employ as scouts and Rangers, such number of the militia of the Dis-  
                     rangers      trict of Kentucky as they should deem proper, ordered for service in the  
                     County of Jefferson, for the year 1788, twelve scouts and seventy-five  
                     rangers; and that no pay roll for the rangers for that county, in the  
                     said year, hath been settled in the Auditor's office by order of the  
                     Executive.

October 9th

JAMES TAYLOR TO THE GOVERNOR.

Norfolk      Stating that the Commissioners for building the Marine Hospital, had  
                     Marine      requested him to apply to the Executive for information as to the state  
                     hospital      of the funds remaining in the Treasury, which were appropriated for  
                     that purpose. The Commissioners are apprehensive that considerable  
                     time must elapse before the completion of the building, unless the  
                     More funds      Assembly adopts some mode of raising the necessary surplus required  
                     required      to complete it.

October 11th

JAMES LYLE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Manchester      Stating that he was informed by Mr. Daniel Tompkins, that he  
                     Daniel      had been Commissioned to collect the Taxes in one of the back coun-  
                     Tompkins'      ties, but had been unavoidably prevented from giving the required secur-  
                     commission      ity at the last Court. He considers Mr. Tompkins a suitable person for  
                     the business, & hopes no other recommendations will be made.

October 11th

ELISHA WHITE TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Hanover Co.      Asking that he be commissioned as sheriff of Hanover County, the  
                     position for which he was recommended by the Court, two years ago,

but which by foul play, Mr. Anderson obtained. He conceives that his long service as a magistrate in Lunenburg and Charlotte Counties, October 11th entitled him to the preference.

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 12th

Stating that no alteration had taken place in the Militia since his last report, except a return of strength from the County Lieut. of Louisa. Council office

## L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

October 12th

Enclosing a letter which he received on the 10th inst., purporting to give information in regard to certain property in Frederick County, about which a suit is pending in favor of the state. He does not know exactly how to act in the matter. If true, such information would be very beneficial to the public, and shall be answered by a publication in the Gazette. It may be a plot in order to get the suit against the Security removed, and amuse him in searching after imaginary property, in which case it should not be noticed. He requests that his Excellency will decide as to the propriety of sending an execution to Frederick County upon this information, & should property be found, then suggests that a public acknowledgement of the letter should be made, as an encouragement to future information of the kind. Hanover

## MRS. CONNOR AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

October 12th

Mrs. Connor, widow of the late Jno. Connor, deceased; Terry Connor, Applying for Christian Bowers, Jos. Liplong, Thos. Upshaw, Thos. Harris and others, to the Governor and Council: door-keeper's place to the Executive

Their several petitions, applying for the position of Door-keeper to the Executive, made vacant by the recent death of John Connor.

EDMUND LYNE TO COLONEL HENRY LEE OR COLONEL ALEX'R D. ORR, October 14th  
IN THE ASSEMBLY.

Informing them that things have taken such a turn with him, he will leave this place next December, and settle on Hinkson's fork in Bourbon County. Residing in Bourbon Co., it will be incompatible for him to be sheriff of Mason Co. He requests that the Executive be informed of these circumstances, and also that it is his earnest desire that Col. Henry Mason Co. Lower Blue Licks

1790. Lee, who stands next in the recommendation, he made sheriff of Mason  
 October 14th Co. He states that the army composed of about 2,400 men under the  
 Col. Henry command of General Harmar, marched from the mouth of Licking  
 Lee, for about a fortnight ago, but no accounts have been had from them. The  
 sheriff of Indians are perfectly still in this quarter, so that he supposes they are  
 Mason Co. making preparations at home for their defence.

October 17th

ANDREW DUNSCOMB TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond I request you will be pleased to direct the Auditor of Public Ac-  
 Requests to counts to adjust my account for Pay and expences, as also for the loss  
 have his pay, sustained in House Rent in consequence of my leaving the service of the  
 &c., settled State previous to the expiration of the term for which I had taken the  
 same.

Conceives  
 the author's  
 views as  
 designing as  
 his heart

Had the cause of my quitting the service of the Commonwealth have  
 proceeded from any other source, or could I be satisfied of the rectitude  
 of the motives that led to it, my mind, as well those of others who are  
 equally friends of the State, would be better satisfied; for myself, I  
 hesitate not to declare that I conceive the views of the Author as design-  
 ing as I do his heart—an opinion that led me to quit the office imme-  
 diately upon being furnished with a Copy of the minutes of Council;  
 which, untill then, were known only to himself, and were falsely related  
 and repeated with different constructions and a denial of having writ-  
 ten in the stile of the minutes—producing your Excellency's letter to  
 prove the assertion—but his to you was mislaid; concluding with a de-  
 claration of sorrow at my quitting, as he intended going on with the  
 business alone after the next quarter—a declaration I view'd in the light  
 of his others.

I trust I shall be pardon'd for observing that I neither feel satisfied  
 nor well treated at being obliged to quit an office that has not sustained  
 any injury from my unremitted exertions, nor does reflection induce a  
 belief that my future Conduct, with a character more *open* and *sincere*,  
 would have been less productive.

It perhaps might be considered obtrusive for me to delineate the  
 view I conceive I stood in in the eyes of the Representation of Vir-  
 ginia. I will therefore only observe that I feel myself easy on that  
 score while in office and anticipated a better return for my integrity,  
 assiduity and laborious struggles to promote the Interest of Virginia  
 than I have experienced.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Your most obe. Humb. Serv't.

P. S.—The Accompanying Letter the Attorney-General of the United  
 States was pleased to give me.

SAM. A. OTIS TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

1790.

Enclosing a copy of the Journal of the Senate of the United States October 20th at the second session of Congress, begun and held in this City January New York 4th, 1790, with a request that he may have a line in answer hereto.

G. THOMPSON TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

October 22d

Charging Tunstal Quarles, High sheriff of Fluvanna county, with gross and palpable abuses of his office, viz: in 1783, he then being a coroner, an Execution was put into his hands, being the Commonwealth against William Henry, sheriff of the said county—said Quarles was applied to not to levy and he should receive Ten pounds; which sum he did receive, and the Execution returned “no effects”; that the said Quarles, as sheriff of Fluvanna co., in April last, conducted the election of Delegates contrary to the laws of the country; that he also failed to return to the clerk’s office all the names of those who voted for Geo. Thompson at the said Election; that about the 6th of September last, a writ was put into his hands, being Meriwether Morris, plaintiff, against Elias Langham, defendant, which he was desired to execute; after that day, and before the return day of the writ, Quarles administered an oath to the said Langham as a Juror, to view a place for a mill. The said writ is now in the office of the District court at Charlottesville, and the return on the same is “come too late to hand.” The above charges can be proved by him.

Richmond  
Charges  
against  
Tunstall  
Quarles,  
sheriff of  
Fluvanna  
County, with  
abuses of  
his office

CHARLES HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

October 22d

Resolved, that the Executive open a Correspondence with the President of the United States, on the subject of a Woollen manufactory, in order to bring the negotiations for the establishment of a woollen manufactory within this Commonwealth to some definite shape for future Contract, if deemed proper, and that they report their proceedings thereupon to the next session of the assembly.

Resolution  
President of  
United  
States  
Woollen  
Manufactory  
Within this  
State

Nov. 8th, 1790, Agreed to by the Senate.

ROBERT CARTER TO THE HONL. BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

October 22d

Stating that he had been confined at this place since Sept., 1789, by sickness. This, together with advanced age disqualifies him from acting with that spirit and diligence requisite under his appointment. Mandamus dated 13th of June, 1789, now most gratefully acknowledged.

Westmore-  
land County



1790.

CHAS. HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

October 23d Resolved, that the Petition of Col. Wm. Finnie, praying to be allowed certain additional pay granted by the board of war, while acting in the Quarter Master's Department, with the vouchers in support thereof, ought to be referred to the Executive for settlement, and they direct the Auditor of Public accounts to issue warrants for whatever compensation they shall think said Finnie ought to receive for his public services.

Nov. 6th, 1790, Agreed to by the Senate.

October 25th

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Council office The inclosed Papers contain claims for services rendered by four scouts for the county of Harrison, for the year 1789, commencing in September. The Governor's letter discharging the Scouts and Rangers is dated the first of June, 1789. Only two scouts were allowed this County for '89; yet on the 17th of October, it has so happened that four have been paid for services rendered in the course of this year. Mr. Jackson says, that the Governor's letter did not get to hand till the time of the conclusion of these services, but that will not justify the employment of four Scouts, when but two were allowed.

Scouts in Randolph County They contain also claims for four Scouts for the services rendered in Randolph County, in the year 1789, without any authority that I can discover.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your Most ob't Servant.

October 25th

S. SHEPPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Enclosing the Annual Statements of the Commonwealth's Revenue & Expenditures, together with a list of balance due from the several Counties for the years 1782, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87 & 1788, which he requests may be laid before the Honorable House of Delegates.

October 26th

JOS. PRENTIS TO BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Williamsburg Stating that his letter of the 15th inst. came to hand on yesterday. That Mr. Randolph and he signed the report some time in June, and

the papers were delivered to Mr. Tazewell for his examination. Mr. Randolph had his assurances that after Mr. Tazewell's revision, the papers should be sent to Mr. Marshall. This he expected to do early in August. They are still in the possession of Mr. Tazewell, but cannot tell what progress he has made in their revision. Mr. Tazewell is now absent on his circuit at the Eastern shore, and upon his return, he will make personal application to him for their delivery, when they shall be forwarded to the Executive, that the report may be submitted to the Legislature at an early period of their present session.

1790.

October 26th  
Mr. Randolph  
Report  
Mr. Tazewell, Mr. Marshall

MEMORIAL TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

October 27th

Geo. Jackson, Abraham Claypool, Cornelius Bogard and Jno. Haymond, Delegates from Harrison and Randolph counties, to the Governor:

Stating that they are informed that the claims from their counties for services performed in 1789, by four Scouts, are likely to be disallowed. They beg leave to say that the said services were very essential for their safety, as at that time Indian barbarities were very cruel in their Country, and these scouts could only be obtained after the greatest persuasion. From the extent of the frontier, less than four would have been of no service—Eight being the number usually allowed by the Executive. These scouts were ordered out by the Commanding officer, and there never appeared a greater necessity for Exertion than at that time, as the Indians had massacred & captured eleven persons in that country in about one week, besides killing the stock & burning the furniture of several poor people; under the distressed situation of affairs, they consider that they did right and hope that their claims will be considered by the Council.

Claims of  
the four  
scouts  
Services  
then very  
essential

CHAS. HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

October 27th

A petition of Henry Stratton, which was referred to the Committee on claims, and reported from said Committee by Richard Lee, chairman. Henry Stratton appears to have commanded the State Sch'r Alliance during the years 1779 and 1780, and in the course of his command, advanced a considerable sum of money in purchasing necessary materials, provisions, and in discharging seamen's wages; that on March 3d, 1781, he settled his account of such advances with William Armistead, the Commercial Agent, whose certificate of that date acknowledges a balance due said Stratton of Fourteen thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven pounds, two shillings, paper money.

Petition of  
Henry  
Stratton

Balance due  
him

1790. Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee that the petition of  
 October 27th the said Stratton with the vouchers in support thereof, be referred to  
 Resolution the Executive for settlement, and if it shall appear that there is a bal-  
 for settle- ance due him, they report the fact to the present General Assembly.  
 ment  
 Nov. 6, 1790. Agreed to by the Senate.

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October 27th

ROBT H. SAUNDERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Goochland Petition asking that four years' taxes on his negro man, Sam., amount-  
 County ing to forty shillings in specie & forty shillings in certificates, be refunded  
 Asking that to him, as said negro was exempted from taxation by the court which  
 tax on negro was duly recorded, notwithstanding this tax had been annually collected  
 Sam be from him as per sheriff's receipt herewith enclosed.  
 refunded

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October 28th

JOSHUA E. V. KNIGHT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petition for Petition asking for pardon on account of his youth—having been con-  
 pardon victed of horse-stealing by the county court of Caroline on Octo. 9th,  
 Horse 1790, and sentenced to be hung on November 18th, next. This petition  
 stealing is signed by about 150 persons, male and female; among whom are some  
 of the best and most influential citizens of the county.

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October 28th

MAJOR JOHN GREGORY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Resignation Resigning his Commission as Major of the Militia of Charles City  
 of his County. This commission is dated on Oct. 28, 1786, at Richmond, and  
 commission signed by Patrick Henry, Governor.

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October 28th

HOWELL LEWIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Goochland Certifying that John Williams this day made oath before him that a  
 County militia fine for non-attendance at muster was imposed upon him in the  
 Militia fine year 1788; while at the same time, he held a certificate from the clerk  
 imposed of the court of exemption dated in 1781, on account of bodily infirmi-  
 though ties, and that he was still labouring under the same. Court certificate  
 exempted herein enclosed. He prays the interposition of the Executive in his  
 Prays relief behalf.

TUNSTAL QUARLES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

1790.

Stating that he was not a little astonished to hear a few days ago, October 30th that Col. Geo. Thompson had exhibited a catalogue of charges against him, highly reflecting on his official character; all of which he trusts to be able to demonstrate, are founded in error, and called into existence by the complaining of a malignant heart. As a computation of these charges in detail would be too prolix and tedious to impose upon his Excellency, he hopes he will suspend his opinion respecting their validity until the trial, when he will be able to establish his innocency by the most incontestible testimony, and baffle the calumny of his accuser.

Will establish his innocence

COL. ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Novem. 1st

Sir,

The letters sent last September by Mr. James Campbell of Wythe county, was forwarded to Kentucky a few days after their arrival here, by a Mr. Jesse Walker, and I have since heard of Mr. Walker's safely reaching the Kentucky settlements. On the first day of Octo. last, Hannah Tackitt, one of the Captives taken at the mouth of Cole River in Kanawha County, made her escape from an Indian who was carrying her southwardly, and said he was of the Creek nation; had gone as an express to the Northward Indians last spring, and was returning with a war party designed for the more southwardly settlements in Virginia; but unexpectedly fell in with the defenceless people at the mouth of Cole river. The fellow had by uncommon care, passed undiscovered through the thickest settlements in this county, and had nearly reached the great mountains south of us.

Washington Letters sent to Kentucky by Jesse Walker Walker's safe arrival Hannah Tackitt escaped from an Indian

The 18th ult., as a party of Emigrants was passing through the Wilderness to Kentucky, they were attacked by a party of Indians. Our people were dispersed; two killed and several wounded. From another quarter, we learn two partys of Cherokee Warriors has set out to harrass the Travellers to Cumberland and Kentucky. If so, the above may not be the only mischief done by the Indians: Nor need we look for peace as long as the banditti of several Tribes finds an asylum in the lower Towns of the Cherokees.

Indians

A general expectation that a change is about to take place in the regulations of the Militia, and perhaps some neglect of the officers. It is out of my power to make any thing like a correct Return to your Excellency at this time; however I have confidence, if the Legislature this session does their part, that a love of order and a martial spirit will soon again return.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

1790.

## MEMORIAL TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Novem. 1st	Benj'n Biggs and John Henderson, of Ohio county; John Evans, Jr.,
Delegates	and Wm. McCleery, of Monongalia county; Geo. Jackson and John Prunty, of Harrison county; Cornelius Bogard and Abraham Claypool, of Randolph county; Andrew Donnally and Geo. Clendinen, of Kanaway county; Thos. Edgar and W. H. Cavendish, of Greenbrier county; St'n Goumsey and R. Sayers, of Montgomery county, to Governor Beverley Randolph:
Joint memorial	Joint memorial from the above persons, delegates from the several counties mentioned, stating that the defenceless condition of those counties, forming a line of nearly four hundred miles along the Ohio river, exposed to the hostile invasions of the Indians and destitute of every support, is truly alarming, notwithstanding all the regulations of the General Government in that country. Hitherto these regulations have been totally ineffectual for their protection; that it could not be otherwise, as the Garrison kept by the Continental troops on the Ohio can be of little service, if any, except to the Kentucky settlements which they immediately cover, and being from two to four hundred miles below their frontier Settlements; that agreeably to the last arrangement for their defence as declared by the Secretary at War, a subaltern officer, a sergeant, a corporal, & twelve privates were allotted to some of the above counties, to be continued in service only during the approval of the Continental Commanding officer in the Western country; they to be at the same time, under such regulations as make it impossible for the Inhabitants to comply with—the communication between him and them being cut off by a distance of two to four hundred miles, and that through an uninhabited country & exposed to the
Indians	Indians; that having entirely exploded their old experienced mode of defending the frontiers by keeping out Scouts & Rangers for their information & protection, owing to the fact, as they are informed, that the new plan is less expensive (though the saving, if any, must be small), ought not to be deemed a good reason to alter from a known measure to one that is only supposed to be as good, when the lives of so many of the
Regulations of the General government ineffectual	citizens are exposed to the Enemy. They further say, that they have reason to fear the consequences of the defeat of our army by the Indians on the late expedition, as the Indians flushed with victory will doubtless fall on our frontiers, as soon as the weather will permit, and exercise all those horrid murders incident to their invasions; that it would be much better to support them—the expense what it may—than to compel thousands of our citizens who have suffered so much and so long from the Savages, to quit the country.
Old plan of defence exploded	
Defeat of our Army	
Better to support the citizens	

They further state that they think the only measure which will establish the confidence of our frontier people in the Government, and bring about the End proposed, to-wit: their safety & protection, will be to empower the County Lieutenants in Each of these counties to send out a few scouts to watch the passes of the Enemy, and when the winter breaks up, to place some Rangers on the outside of the Settlements. This is a temporary matter, and to continue till more effectual means are provided for the protection of that country—the expense to be settled by the Auditor of the State, and charged to the General Government; which they hope Congress will allow till they extend that protection which as Virginians they have a right to expect.

They further say that they hope that Virginia will never quietly rest inactive till peace is restored to all her citizens.

They conclude by requesting his Excellency, in the event he has not the power to relieve them, to lay their complaints before the proper Tribunal, where they may be redressed.

1790.  
Plan  
proposed

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EDWARD PEGRAM, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Nov. 2d

Informing him that Mr. John Young, living in the neighborhood of Ben. Woodward, lately found in an unfrequented place in the woods, several thousand pounds of North Carolina currency—the best part of which is signed; also a large bundle of certificates, with every implement necessary for counterfeiting the said currency & certificates; also for coining, with sundry other articles. Being apprehensive of danger from those concerned in that detestable business, he requested him to take charge of them, which he has done.

Counterfeit  
North Carolina  
currency and  
certificates,  
&c., found

He requests the Executive to give such directions in this matter as they may think necessary.

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LAN. BERRY, CLERK OF KING GEORGE COUNTY.

Nov. 4th

Certifying that the circumstances of Mary Armstrong and Betsy Rigg, residents of this county, are the same as when their pensions were granted them.

King George  
County

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CHARLES HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Nov. 9th

Certifying that George Nicholas, Esq., had been elected Attorney-General for the District of Kentucky, in the place of Harry Innes, Esq.,

George  
Nicholas

1790. resigned. A joint committee composed of Mr. Henry Lee, Mr. Walker,  
 Nov. 9th Mr. Braxton, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Upshaw, of Essex; Mr. Holmes & Mr.  
 Robertson, of the House; and Mr. Pimples, Mr. Pope, & Mr. Claiborne,  
 of the Senate, reporting that they had examined the ballots, & found a  
 majority of the votes in favor of the said Gen. Nicholas.

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Nov. 11th ROBERT GOODE AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Robert Goode, J. Ambler, Wm. Hay, and Turner Southall, Directors of  
 Public Buildings, to the Executive:

Moses Requesting that Moses Austin be granted an order for Eight hundred  
 Austin pounds, on account of his contract for covering the roof of the capitol  
 with lead.

Paid Nov. 11, 1790.

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Nov. 12th MILLER WOODSON TO THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Cumberland Memorial shewing that he had been fined by a court of Enquiry for  
 County not attending muster in 1788, when the fact was, he had never failed to  
 Muster fines attend any muster, except when prevented by his duties as clerk, and  
 by reason of a disorder from which he has been suffering for several  
 years; Affidavits to this effect annexed. He prays relief from the unjust  
 fines.

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Nov. 24th GEO. DENEALE, DEPUTY CLERK OF FAIRFAX COUNTY COURT, TO THE  
 GOVERNOR.

Alexandria Certifying to the correctness of the copies of certain depositions  
 Deposition against the Inspectors of Tobacco in the Alexandria warehouse made  
 by Wm. Hodgson, Wm. Wilson, James Patton, Wm. Lowry, Robert  
 Tobacco Hamilton, Jno. Dundas, & Wm. Hepburne; in which they charge gross  
 Inspector irregularities on the part of the Inspectors, & great loss & inconvenience  
 sustained by them in consequence.

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Nov. 24th P. WAGONER, CLERK OF FAIRFAX COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR  
 AND COUNCIL.

Tobacco Certifying that Chas. Jones has resigned his appointment as Inspector  
 Inspectors at Alexandria Tobacco warehouse.

Richard Sandford not being able to give bond & Security for the faithful discharge of his duty as Inspector at said warehouse, it is ordered that he be no longer considered in office, & the same be certified to the Governor & Council. 1790. Nov. 24th

The court ordered that Henry Darne, Wm. Darne, Geo. Thrift, Thos. Darne, Jr., be recommended for Inspectors at the Falls warehouse; and Geo. Minor, Thos. Gräfford, Jr., & Wm. Halley & Jacob Cox, for Inspectors at the Alexandria warehouse.

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H. BROOKE, CLERK OF SENATE.

Nov. 26th

Certifying that John Steele and Miles Selden were elected members of John Steele, the Council of state in the room of Carter Braxton and Charles Carter, Miles Selden who stand removed from May 28th, next—Election by joint ballot of the two houses; also Harden Burnley, Esq., in room of Thomas Maddison, Esq., resigned.

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G. DENT, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND, TO THE GOVERNOR. Nov. 27th

Enclosing a resolution of the Maryland house of Delegates & Senate, agreeing to advance the sum of 72,000 dollars (being three-fifths of the amount proposed by the assembly of Virginia,) to the General Government for the purpose of erecting public buildings; the Am't to be paid to the order of the President of the United States in three annual payments. They request this information to be laid before the General Assembly of Virginia. Annapolis Advancing money General Government for public buildings

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JACOB FAULCON, CLERK OF SURRY COUNTY COURT, TO ARCHIBALD BLAIR, CLERK OF COUNCIL. Nov. 27th

Certifying that Lemuel Bailey, John Southall, John Watkins, Jr., James Allen Brailby, and Benjamin Edwards Browne, are recommended to his Excellency, the Governor, to be added to the Commission of the Peace. Surry Co. Justices

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CHAS. HAY, CLERK OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Nov. 27th

Certifying that by the Joint resolution of both houses, the petition of Dan'l Herring, late sheriff of Isle of Wight County, is reasonable. Mr. Daniel Herring



1790. Herrings gave bond for the faithful collection of the taxes for 1787, but  
 Nov. 27th gave no bond for those of 1788. A Judgment has been obtained against him, however, for the full amount of the taxes for 1788. Mr. Herrings' petition to be relieved of this unjust judgment, ought to be granted.

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Decem. 1st COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Philadel- Stating that since the removal of the office to this City, his time had  
 phia been wholly engrossed with that part of the specific account, compre-  
 Office hending the supplies furnished under the provision laws. It will take  
 removed to several weeks to complete the examination, and he will be necessarily  
 Philadelphia obliged to retain the services of Mr. Burnley. He as yet can find no  
 Alex. Baugh account of the transactions of a Mr. Alexander Baugh, of Chesterfield,  
 supplies who appears to have procured large quantities of supplies during the  
 siege of York. It is very important to collect all the evidence possible,  
 to ascertain the amount & appropriation of the specifics furnished by  
 the State; for though this part of our claim will be better supported,  
 when arranged & stated, than he once expected—yet from the unlucky  
 measure of separating the papers, which had been once methodized by  
 Pierce & others formerly employed in the Commissary Department,  
 there are many documents still to be sought for. He encloses a letter  
 Payments at to Mr. Pierce on this subject. He also finds many payments made at  
 the Treasury the Treasury not vouched for among the receipts brought on by Mr.  
 Winder, which shows mismanagement in the selection from the Treas-  
 ury books. Thinks that it would be better to forward to him the receipt  
 books themselves to the 4th January, 1781; to which period; they are  
 the best vouchers we can produce.

He has not yet had leisure to examine the books and papers from  
 Woodlief's district. They are very trifling in number, and he would  
 have supposed from the instructions given, that much more extensive  
 information would have been procured. He says that the different  
 States seem at length seriously attentive to the settlement of their  
 accounts; all of them, except two, have employed agents here—some of  
 them being gentlemen of Eminence. The General board of Commis-  
 sioners are proceeding with those accounts, as the agents admit them to  
 be complete.

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Decem. 31 J. Pendleton certifying that he has this day administered the oath  
 Henrico Co. required by law to be taken by the Governor, to his Excellency, Bever-  
 ley Randolph, Esq. Given under his hand.

DENNIS DAWLEY AND THOMAS LAWSON TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ. 1790.

Enclosing the petition of Lemuel Cornick, Anthony Walke, and other prominent citizens of Princess Anne Co., certifying to the general good character of certain militia from that County, who accompanied the Sheriff to arrest one Amos Weeks, near Suffolk, and who were fined by the District Court jury held at Suffolk, upon the complaint of the said Weeks that he had been illegally oppressed by the said Militia. These militia being ordered by the sheriff to assist him, thought that they were acting according to law; and from the known orderly and inoffensive character which they bear at home, are entitled to the clemency which they pray at the hands of the Executive. They trust that their fines will be remitted, and they spared the distress which will be visited upon them, should the fines be collected from them.

Decem. 4th  
Richmond  
Lemuel  
Cornick  
Anthony  
Walker

Ask remission of the fines

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 6th

Stating that the enclosed bills of Exchange, and all the endorsements thereon respecting the claim of Mr. Pauley, being in the French language, and requesting his Excellency to appoint a Commissioner to translate and state those described in the decree accompanying them, and to report the same either to the Executive or to him.

Auditor's office  
Mr. Pauley's claim in French language

WM. SHANNON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Decem. 7th

Stating that Mr. Coleman, to whom was referred his accounts for settlement, during the time he was Commissary & Quarter-master under Gen'l Clarke in the Western Department, being appointed in 1779, and acting 3 years, had reported adversely upon certain claims which were unsupported by vouchers. He remembers distinctly that when his papers were put into the hands of the Commissioner, they were complete, with the vouchers to support every claim. Some of these vouchers seem to have been carelessly lost or misplaced. As this matter is very important to him, he requests that the Governor of the Western Department be applied to in regard to these claims; and that a speedy determination be arrived at, and reported to the General Assembly.

Richmond  
Accounts

Complete when put in hands of the commissioner

V. H. MACON TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Decem. 8th

Stating that he held a Court-Martial of the officers under his command on the 27th of last month. The majority of them were of opinion that they could not enter upon the fines with propriety, as they

Court martial

1790. doubted if there was any law in existence for the government of the  
 Decem. 8th militia. He has heard that Congress passed a law at their last session  
 Doubts about the for the organizing the militia, but had not seen it. He requests the  
 law being in Executive to instruct him how to proceed. He states that Lt.-Col. John  
 existence to Bacon was fined £5 last fall, twelve months, for not giving notice of the  
 impose fines Regimental muster, tho' the sum is inconsiderable, it will distress him  
 very much to pay it—being very poor & with a large family. He re-  
 quests that the fine may be remitted, if his Excellency can do so with  
 propriety.

Decem. 8th

SAM'L RUST TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Westmore- Certifying under his hand as a Justice of the Peace, that Jeremiah  
 land county Rust, one of the Tobacco Inspectors at Kinsale & Yeocomico ware-  
 houses, departed this life on 22d of November, last past.

Decem. 8th

JNO. CRUBB, SR., TO RICHARD LEE.

Westmore- Requesting him to send 2 quires of crop notes, 1 quire Transfer notes,  
 land Co. & 1 quire manifests, by Mr. Jno. Crubb, without fail.

Decem. 9th THOMAS ROANE, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA.

King &  
Queen Co.Petition for  
relief from  
fine

Petition praying to be relieved of a fine of £50 assessed against him  
 by the District court of said county on Sept. 16, 1790, for an assault &  
 battery upon Robert Beverly. The petitioner states that he was induced  
 to make this attack on account of false aspersions made by said Beve-  
 rly upon the character and memory of Col. Wm. Roane, his father,  
 in a printed Libel addressed to Spencer Roane, Esq. This had the  
 effect to highly exasperate this petitioner, and meeting said Beve-  
 rly by accident, demanded satisfaction; which being refused, he was  
 induced to do the act which gives rise to this application. He states  
 that the said Beverly has prosecuted him with the most inveterate ran-  
 cour, and was himself the principal witness to support the indictment  
 for the assault. Said Beverly has moreover a private action now pend-  
 ing in Essex county court against him, wherein he may recover ample  
 damages for any injury he may have sustained. Under these circum-  
 stances he hopes that due allowance will be made for the passion & in-  
 firmities incident to men, and the remission of this fine be granted.

JOSEPH HORNSBY TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1790.

Enclosing a Copy of an order of the board of Directors of the Linnæ Decem. 10th  
 tic Hospital, & requesting his Excellency to direct the Auditor to issue Williams-  
 his warrant on the Treasurer for £100 for the support of said Hospital burg  
 made payable to Mr. Wm. Russell, now in Richmond.

JAS. MONROE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Decem. 10th

Dear Sir,

I arriv'd here on Monday last, the day appointed for the meet-  
 ing of Congress, in time to take my seat in the Senate of that assembly.  
 This branch of the legislature form'd a house on that day, and the house  
 of Representatives on the next; they respectively communicated it im-  
 mediately to the President, who conven'd them on the next in the Senate  
 room, and address'd them in the terms you will find in the enclos'd.\* As  
 I have just arriv'd, & have been indispos'd of a cold contracted on the  
 journey, so as to be unable to form acquaintances, or in fact do any-  
 thing but attend Congress, I can give you nothing except what this  
 paper contains. I consider it my duty to communicate to the State  
 whatever is of importance to it, the station will permit. This I shall do  
 with pleasure & shall be happy occasionally similar returns. At present  
 I write in Congress, & can only add that I am with great respect &  
 esteem,

Philadel-  
 phia  
 Meeting of  
 Congress

Addressed  
 by the Presi-  
 dent of U.  
 States

Dear Sir,

Sincerely yrs.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 11th

Reporting on the claims of certain Scouts for services rendered in  
 1788, which he finds correct. The names of the scouts are as follows,  
 and the service performed in Jefferson county: Jacob Hubbs, Wm.  
 Elme, Vincent Robins, Jno. Sherley, Henry Smith, Wm. Dremmen, Aron  
 Vancleave, Thos. Neal, Mark Thomas, Peter Smith, Preserved Wilcox,  
 & Mathias Hesler.

Council  
 office

Scout ser-  
 vices

\*The paper referred to by Mr. Monroe as enclosed, is a printed Copy of the  
 address of Geo. Washington, President of the United States, delivered to the  
 Senate & House of Representatives, and dated Dec. 8, 1790.

1790.

S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 14th      Informing him, that at the last General Court, two judgments were rendered on Bonds taken for duties by the Naval officer of South Powtownmack, contrary to law. Said bonds being taken on the 21st day of July, 1789, on which day the laws of this State on the subject of duties ceased. He says that the parties liable to these judgments have applied to him, either to deliver up the Bonds, or give them such acquittances as will keep them safe against any Executions on the said judgments. One was against Francis Peyton for £85, 2s. in certificates, the other against William Wilson for £16, 13s, 4d, payable in specie. The clerk of the General Court objects to deliver up these bonds. He requests his Excellency & the Honl. Board to instruct him how to proceed in this business.

Decem. 16th

LOTT &amp; HIGBEE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond      Saying that at the request of Mr. Harry Heth, they certify that their Express agreement with him in the purchase of the following Certificate Allowance on tobacco for transportation      Tobaccos, was that an allowance of thirty-four shillings & sixpence per Hhd. on Lynches, and Eighteen shillings on Rivanna should be made them for the transportation to this place,—Say Sixty-one Hhds. crop and twenty Hhds. Transfer, Lynches, and thirty hhd. crop and three hhd. Transfer, Rivanna; in all, £169, 8s, 6d.

Decem. 16th

OLIVER POLLOCK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond      Enclosing certain bills and certificates, together with a letter from the Governor of New Orleans, addressed to his Excellency, fully evincing that he had discharged all those bills and also all other debts contracted by him during the war. These papers have been obtained by him at great expence and loss of time in a foreign Country. The legislature of Va., through its Committee, after examining my accounts, reported the sum of £27,696, 8s, 1½d; this currency to be due him, bearing interest from 18th Dec'r, 1785. The Assembly thought proper to instruct the Governor & council that £16,307, 17s, 0½d. of the established balance with interest thereon at 6 pr. cent., should remain unpaid until the bills drawn by him should be produced to the Executive in proof of the State being exonerated from all claimants on account thereof; but that warrants should be issued in his favor for the residue of the said £27,696, 8s, 1½d. The retention of these funds has subjected him to great inconvenience, & obliged him to dispose of his warrants at a very

heavy loss. He trusts that those papers, together with the letter of the Governor of New Orleans, be laid before the Legislature, and he be fully reimbursed for his heavy advances. The balance already liquidated now amounts to about 42,000 Dollars; which he hopes may be provided and allowed him without delay.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq. Decem. 16th

Informing him that sundry executions against Debtors to the Commonwealth for Duties, resident in Norfolk, were delivered to Mr. George Loyall, the sergeant, returnable to the late General Court; some of which, little or nothing can at present be found whereon to levy. Mr. Loyall thinks, however, that opportunities may be had & full payment obtained, could he be permitted to retain the Executions, which he cannot do without the consent of the Executive, and thus avoid the penalty of the Act of Assembly of 1789. Should the hoped for benefit to the Public appear to his Excellency & council sufficient to induce such a procedure, he will so acquaint him on being empowered so to do.

JAMES MONROE TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. Decem. 16th

Sir,

To-day the President laid before the Senate a letter from the Gov'r of the western territory of the 6th of Nov'r, & likewise one from Gen'l Harmar, of the 4th, communicating the result of the expedition lately executed by his order against the Indians inhabiting between the Ohio & the lakes. By these we find that the loss on our side was, of privates, 183 killed & 28 wounded; of officers, two majors, 3 capt'ns, 3 Lieuts., & 4 Ensigns kill'd. The slain on their part amounted to, by the General's statement, between 100 & 120. The principal Action was on their return, after having completed the object of his mission, by the destruction of their towns, corn, & all their other productions. The Indians, it appears, gave up these to ruin without an effort to preserve them; the attack afterwards was, therefore, either the effect of despair or a plan of defence previously arrang'd & most probably the latter. Gen'l Harmar speaks highly of the bravery of the troops both regular & militia; his communication was postpon'd untill his return to Fort Washington, from whence these letters were address'd.

The papers respecting the application of the District of Kentuckey for admission into the Union as a separate & distinct member, have been referr'd to a Committee of the Senate to report an act to that effect. Upon the examination of these, we find that the law of Virginia requires

Philadel-  
phia

President  
Letter from  
Governor of  
Western  
Territory  
and General  
Harmar

Bravery of  
the troops

1790. that a majority of the body elected shall approve the seperation; that  
 Decem. 16th fds of that body may proceed to business. There is nothing in the act  
 of the convention, nor the memorial, to satisfy the house that those  
 conditions have been complied with; nor has any statement of the  
 number of Inhabitants in the District been forwarded here. These cir-  
 cumstances were attended to by the other members of the committee, &  
 therefore, as they might have weight in the decision on the subject, I  
 have thought proper to communicate them to your Excellency, that you  
 might furnish me with such documents (if within y'r reach) as might  
 remove them.

I am with great respect & esteem,  
 Y'r Excellency's most obt. & humble servant.

Decem. 18th

EDWARD HILL TO ———.

Robert Hill's account  
 Commissioner of  
 Provision  
 law in King  
 & Queen Co.  
 Settled

Certifying that during the time he acted as District Commissioner, he  
 lodged several accounts and vouchers with the late Sam'l Jones, of  
 Richmond, to be delivered by him to Mr. John Peirce; among which  
 accounts was one of Robert Hill's as Commissioner of Provision law in  
 King & Queen County, which appeared to him to be all settled and the  
 money properly accounted for; had this not been the case, he would  
 have received the balance & lodged it with his account, as he did with  
 the account settled by him with John Hill, Commissioner of Provision  
 law in King William County, who paid him £11,764, 3s, 4d, balance due  
 from him, which was lodged with his accounts as above mentioned.

Decem. 19th

E. LANGHAM TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Point of Fork  
 His private conduct

Stating that from a letter received from a friend a few days ago at  
 Richmond, he learned that unfavorable impressions had been made upon  
 the minds of the Executive by a Mr. Morris, in regard to his private  
 conduct.

He requests that opinion may be suspended till the story is fairly  
 investigated, when he flatters himself that his conduct will not appear  
 in the same light as represented.

Decem. 20th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

War Department

Sir,  
 I had the honor, on the 6th of September last, of addressing to  
 your Excellency's protection a packet to William Blount, Esq'r, gov-  
 ernor of the territory of the United States, ceded by the State of North

Carolina. A duplicate of which I enclosed to your Excellency, to be forwarded to governor Blount in my letter to you of the ninth of the Decem. 20th same month. 1790.

As it is to be apprehended that the said letters have miscarried, I have to request you would be so obliging as to inform me by whom and by what route you sent the said packets, and whether they were addressed to Col. Arthur Campbell. Said letters supposed to have miscarried

The honorable Lieutenant-Governor Wood informed me in a letter of the 21st of September, that "he had procured an Express to take charge of them as far as Colonel Arthur Campbell's, of Washington county, but fortunately heard that governor Blount has passed through this place on his way to New York; this determined him to withhold the dispatches until his return, and had left a card at the Inn where he lodged, to inform him that the dispatches were still in his possession." Lieut. Governor Wood's letter

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient & humble servant.

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CHAS. HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Decem. 20th

This is a joint resolution of the House of Delegates of this date, and agreed to by the Senate on Dec. 25th, authorizing the Executive to direct such temporary defensive operations in the frontier counties of this State, as will secure the citizens thereof from the hostile invasions of the Indian Enemy; also that the Executive be requested to transmit to the President of the United States the memorial from the Representatives of the frontier counties, and communicate to him such defensive measures as they may think proper to direct, for the sole purpose of affording defence to our frontier citizens, until the General Government can enter into full and effectual measures to accomplish the same object. Joint resolution Executive authorized to take measures to protect the frontier citizens

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JOHN MORTON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Decem. 21st

Informing him that the suits brought in Powhatan court in behalf of the Public against Sam'l H. Saunders and Col. Harris, yet remain untried, though they have been at Issue four sessions. The Attorney for the Commonwealth has used every exertion, but to no purpose, as they have always found some excuses that have satisfied the Court to continue them. Mr. Saunders wishes his case left to referees. Mr. Sam'l Pleasants having obtained leave of the Executive to have his account settled by referees, Mr. Edward Carrington has been Employed to assist the Commonwealth, who will doubtless undertake Mr. Saunders' case, if deemed expedient by the Executive. Mr. Wm. Watts desires also a little indulgence, whose letter is herewith enclosed. Suits in Powhatan court against S. H. Saunders and Col. Harris Still untried



1790. WM. ROSE, KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC JAIL, TO THE GOVERNOR AND HONORABLE COUNCIL.

Decem. 22d      Petition shewing that the General Assembly being previously informed  
 Petition      of the case of Joseph Clarke, who had been committed to the Public  
                     jail about two months before by a process from the court of Hustings  
 Resolution      for debt, that he was poor and unable to pay the same, passed a resolu-  
 in regard to      tion in 1786, Empowering the Governor to liberate all such poor persons  
 insolvent      who then were, or might thereafter be confined therein on account of  
 debtors      the public, without attending to the formalities directed by law for the  
                     discharge of Insolvent debtors. The Governor did, therefore, discharge  
                     the said Clarke from custody on January 10th, 1787. He now petitions  
 John Rose      for the discharge of John Rose, who is now a prisoner for debt in the  
                     public jail—having been committed by the Sheriff of Henrico county,  
                     on an execution from the General court for the non-payment of certain  
                     duties, &c., the 4th Oct. last. He has been so very poor for the past  
                     year or more, as to have scarcely a change of raiment, and is now almost  
                     naked, without money, property, or friends. Unless relieved by the  
                     Executive, he must inevitably die in jail. He has been confined in close  
 Prays his      jail 79 days. He humbly prays to be discharged, agreeable to the afore-  
 discharge      mentioned Resolution of the General Assembly in that case made and  
                     provided.

Decem. 26th      COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Philadelphia      Informing him that his favor of the 10th inst. came duly to hand  
 Letter and      with the enclosed voucher, which will be useful. Those brought on by  
 voucher      Mr. Giles are of much importance, and he hopes Mr. Woodlief may  
 received      obtain many more such in his district. He has now gone through the  
 Mr. Giles      inspection of the papers returned by the Auditor of the Treasury &  
 Papers from      selected from them, & stated the articles receipted for by militia, military  
 the auditor      and staff officers, and having compared the vouchers granted by the  
 of Treasury      commissioners of the provision laws with their returns, and with the  
                     books formed by the Auditors, & by Jones & Carrington, and also with  
                     the list of specific documents which was drawn out & delivered to Mr.  
 Specific      Winder by Mr. Dunscomb as containing the whole specific claim of the  
 claim of the      State, he finds some omissions and deficiencies which require to be  
 state;      speedily remedied; for instance, the public books contain many entries  
 omissions,      for supplies furnished for which there are no vouchers found, and which  
 &c. found      are therefore not included in the above-mentioned list. The returns  
 Returns of      from many commissioners enumerate a much greater number of receipts  
 Commis-      or vouchers given by them than appear here, or are noticed in the above

list. There are numerous receipts or vouchers granted by the commissioners for which the returns are wanting; and from the broken, desultory manner of the running numbers, it is evident that a large proportion of the vouchers belonging to the missing returns are also missing. Of course these are not comprehended in the above list—many of the returns from the court of claims do not appear; they often explain the purpose to which an article was applied, when neither the Commissioner's return, the voucher, nor public books express it, and in very many cases when the claim of the individual has been established before the Court by oral testimony alone, the return is the only voucher on which the settlement at the public office was made, and the only Evidence of the application which can now be adduced in support of the claim. Many similar cases of deficiency are found, and in all probability omitted from the list. The returns from the Courts which are here, often specify claims as founded on receipts or vouchers granted by officers & continental agents, while the vouchers are frequently missing, & consequently not expressed in the above list. The most important deficiency of the whole is the want of many of the returns & vouchers of Commissioners' issues—a matter which he has repeatedly made the subject of representation to his Excellency with much advantage, as the measures adopted from time to time have thrown great light on it, by bringing together a variety of Evidence in support of the due appropriation of supplies raised by the State; a point which in the preparation of the accounts seems to have been too little in view. Had due attention been paid at first to these various particulars, or had he found these papers within the control of the State, so as to have afforded him an opportunity of knowing their situation before their removal, many of these inconveniences might have been avoided. As matters are, a careful examination of the Auditor's office, and selection of what may be wanting here, close application by a man of patience and judgment for a month or six weeks, will be sufficient for the purpose. Should his Excellency concur in this measure, he would previously wish to give the person employed such instructions as may point precisely to the objects of Enquiry.

1790.

Decem. 26th

Returns  
from court  
of claimsReturns  
from the  
courtsProposed  
reduction of  
his salaryThe business  
extended  
beyond the  
duration of  
time  
expected

With respect to the proposed reduction of his salary to four hundred pounds a year, his Excellency will pardon him if he views it as a deviation from an express contract in which the Executive is as much bound as himself, so long as they think proper to continue the business in his hands—that undoubtedly depends on their pleasure. It is true that the duration of this business is perhaps beyond what was expected; but it is equally true that it has not been prolonged through any fault of his. Indeed, in the actual situation he finds the accounts to have been when he undertook their management; this circumstance has been of important advantage to the State, as affording an opportunity of collecting not only more ample evidence, but of supplying omissions to a great

1790. amount. Independent of the embarrassments which a mistaken principle of statement has occasioned, and the weight of difficulty which the destruction of the public papers has thrown on it, the business is in itself of a very complicated nature, embracing a variety of objects not properly to be understood, without a general knowledge of the arrangements, characters, and transactions in almost every department which existed during the war—a knowledge only to be acquired by a careful review of the Acts & Journals of the Legislature & of Congress, an examination of the files of the principal departments here, as well as of the detached mutilated records of the old Executive boards in the state, and a laborious research through a vast mass of heterogeneous matter in the different public offices; to all which may be added the personal practical acquaintance with the occurrences & subjects to which they relate. These are qualifications which time & opportunity alone can give; qualifications which would be necessary to the due adjustment of the account in its best state, but become doubly essential to remedy the deficiencies & mistakes, which Every day's inspection brings more or less to view. Motives of delicacy, which need not be suggested, have heretofore influenced his communications on this subject; but on this occasion, there is a propriety in an unreserved frankness. As far as the account had been prepared by Mr. Smith under the superintendence of Mr. Wood, it appears to have proceeded on just principles, except, indeed, in one or two points of some consequence; but these statements by some fatality were laid aside, (tho' since introduced by him), and another system, or rather want of system, afterwards took place, which produced an incoherency and confusion in the accounts that defeated all attempts at adjustment in the public offices here, and rendered it a matter of infinite perplexity and labor to collect and unite the disjointed materials in the order & connection in which they originally had been or should now be placed.

Motives of delicacy

The account as prepared by Mr. Smith

Another system  
Confusion in the accounts

He says that he need not enlarge on this subject—it being sufficient to observe as one instance of its effects, that in that part of the account alone, which relates to the transactions of the various specific & provision Commissioners, he is compelled to go personally into a tedious fatiguing inspection & comparison of upwards of a hundred thousand documents; and that in general, instead of being employed in collecting & arranging evidence to support the account ready prepared, which was the original object of his appointment, he has a large proportion of his time engrossed in preparing & stating it. Much of this kind of work, tho' done in the most compendious method, remains yet to be completed; and what adds to the inconvenience, a great deal of it cannot be executed without some assistant.

Upon the whole, that he may not be chargeable with the suppression of any circumstance, which if known, might enable the Executive to place this business more advantageously for the state, he now begs

leave to give his Excellency this early information, that in his opinion and with his present knowledge of the subject, the final adjustment of the account of Virginia with the United States, cannot with a most devoted attention to it, be accomplished in any less time than that allowed by Congress. As for himself, the repeated delays which have occurred have subjected him to some mischiefs, which a previous apprehension of them would have prevented. The long absence from his small affairs in Virginia has exposed them to material injury; while the maintenance of a family here far from the resources of one's plantations, the inconveniences of two distant removals together with the aggravating circumstances in the last of dead rent, brokerage, & loss of furniture, and an exposure in the most essential articles of housekeeping to all the rapacity of extortion at an advanced & inclement season of the year, have created such an increase of expence as he feels sensibly. Under all these circumstances, and observing the very different allowances annexed by Congress to similar offices of much less labor, as well as by the states to most of the gentlemen employed in the same line as himself, tho' not encompassed with equal difficulties and meaning, as he ought to do at this period of life, to ask such compensation for the devotion of his time to the service of the public, as he may deserve and they be well able to give, he is induced with great deference, to declare that tho' he thinks himself entitled while employed in the business to all the advantages of their original agreement, unless waived with his own consent, yet as there is a prospect of the continuance of the business beyond the probable calculation of the Executive, and it may not be unreasonable under such circumstances to afford some security against remissness on the One side, as well as stimulus to successful exertion on the other. He shall therefore rest satisfied with five hundred pounds annually till the conclusion of the business; at which time, if no just cause of complaint appear against him, he shall receive the arrearages that may be due him agreeably to his first engagements, as well as an additional compensation as promised, if his services in the opinion of the Executive shall deserve it.

1790.

Decem. 26th

His absence  
from Vir-  
ginia  
causing  
material  
injury to his  
affairs

Allowance  
by Congress  
to similar  
offices, &c.,

Will rest  
satisfied  
with  
£50 per  
annum, &c.

He has now, as desired by his Excellency, laid before him the present state of business entrusted to him, and respectfully hopes that the terms which he has suggested as a reasonable annual allowance during his continuance in it, may prove satisfactory to his Excellency & Council; as any less sum under all the circumstances of his situation & duty, he shall not conceive an adequate compensation. The scale of depreciation required by Mr. Blair, he does not recollect ever to have seen, nor is it among the papers here.

He has the honor to be, with the greatest respect,

His Excellency's most obed. Serv't.

1790.

JOHN DIXON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 30th Richmond Informing him, that the Laws may be completed in the time limited, and a sample of the paper shall be furnished him in the morning.

Printing the Laws Note.—This letter seems to be in reply to one stating that all the laws passed at every session of the General Assembly should be printed and published within thirty days after the rising thereof; and in case they should not be done within the time before mentioned, the Governor, with the advice of the Council, is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint any other person to the office of Public printer, who shall execute the office and have the salary allowed to the public printer for his said services.

Resolution about printing in 1783 The foregoing is a Resolution passed by the House of Delegates, and approved by the Senate in 1783.

Another Resolution was passed at the session of 1787, authorizing the Governor & Council (to prevent delay in the printing & promulgation of the Laws), to cause so many printers to be engaged in executing the Duties of the public printer as they shall judge expedient; and his salary paid them in such proportion as the business respectively performed by them shall render just and proper.

Decem. 31st

COLONEL GEO. CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Richmond Kanawha defence and neighboring counties I last evening receiv'd your Excellencie's letter on the subject of Defence for Kanawa, and The neighbouring frontier Counties, and am sorry to find that the proceedings of the board Tend to destroy the object of the General Assembly so far as it Respects our Immediate defence, as I am confident there cannot be one man got for the allowance that is made, & If I was to attempt drafting the militia under the Militia Law, they would disobey, (and In my opinion with great propriety), as the allowance there made them is Taken away without any law for that purpose.

On much worse footing than regular troops If your Excellency and the Hon'ble Members of the Council will Reflect a moment that the militia, whether procured by Voluntary Inlistment or by Draft, are on much worse footing than Regular troops, inasmuch as they are neither furnish'd arms, clothing or any other emolument that is due to Regular troops, and are subject to be disbanded Every moment.

Trusts the board will reconsider From those considerations I trust the Hon'ble board will Reconsider this very Important subject; If they do not, Confident I am That the whole object of our defence is Intirely defeated.

I am, with great Respect and esteem,

Your Excellencie's ob't H'ble Servt.

COL. GEO. CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1791.

I, a few hours past, receiv'd your Excellencie's fav'r in answer to mine of yesterday, and have to lament that the Hon'ble board have not made any alteration in the orders directed to me on the subject of the Western defence, and beg leave to request the Hon'ble board to consider the peculiar situation of the County of Kanawha, and the disposition the Indians have lately exercised against it, and that you and the Board will Indulge the County with four scouts, in case the Gen'l Government may not make such arrangements as their exposed situation may require. This number I am certain, are not sufficient, but they would be of great service merely to alarm the Inhabitants of the approach of the enemy, so as to enable them to collect together, to secure themselves from savage cruelty. I feel myself disposed to make this Last request from the most tender motives of affection for my own Family and the lives of my friends and neighbours, equilly exposed, being convince'd, as I mentioned in my letter to you of yesterday, that I cannot procure one man under my present orders. Trusting nevertheless that the Gen'l Government will make more ample provision; if they do not, I am fully persuaded that the County will be very shortly depopulated. If those scouts should be approved of under any restrictions or limitations, I beg one thing may be left in the power of some officer or officers; that is, that they may be ordered into service when it may appear they are absolutely necessary, as no advice can reach this place in time to do us any service, and if such discretionary power be not vested in some person or persons, the whole will, or may prove abortive.

Jan. 1st  
Richmond  
His favor of  
yesterday  
received  
Situation of  
Kanawha

To alarm  
the  
inhabitants

Discretionary  
power  
asked for, to  
be vested in  
some one

I have the Honor to be, with great Respect and esteem,  
Your Excellencie's obt. H'ble Serv't.

JOHN AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 3d

Sir,

Without my knowledge, I was numbered among the Directors of the public Buildings. Being utterly ignorant of architecture, and fully employed with my own business, I have from my first knowing of the appointment, used every means in my power to be struck off the list; I am informed that the Hon'ble the Executive are now authorized to receive resignations and to fill up vacancies. I therefore request the Hon'ble Board will be pleased to appoint another in the room of their

Richmond  
Resigns as  
one of the  
Directors of  
the Public  
buildings

Most ob. Serv't.

1791.

AMBROSE JETER TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Jan. 3d  
Amelia  
Recom-  
mended for  
one of the  
assessors

Stating that he had been informed by Mr. Chaffin that he was one of the persons recommended for an assessor, in conjunction with another person from the County of Nottoway, to re-assess the lands of Amelia. Should his Excellency think well to nominate him, he will take upon himself the trust, as he thinks there can be no objection from the people of Nottoway, holding as he does lands under both former assessments, and believing it to be almost the general wish of the people of Amelia.

Jan. 4th

HENRY BANKS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Richmond  
Tobacco  
Proposes to  
purchase  
and pay  
with his  
claim  
against Com-  
monwealth,  
&c.

Stating that he has been informed by the agent that he has some Tobacco in different warehouses. He has proposed to him to purchase 30 hhds. at the limited price, and pay by a claim he has against the Commonwealth of a much larger sum, established by a suit in the High Court of Chancery, which cannot be confirmed till March. If the Hon'ble Board think proper to instruct the agent on this head, the accommodation to him will be very great, as he finds it now necessary to remit some money to Kentucky, & the postponement till March will be attended with danger.

Jan. 4th

ELIAS LANGHAM TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Richmond  
Contractor's  
time for fur-  
nishing  
rations  
to expire

Informing him that the Contractor's time for furnishing rations for the post at Point of Fork, will expire May 1st next, & therefore thinks it necessary to enter into a new contract early in the spring, so that whoever engages in the business may be in readiness with the necessary supplies. He wishes an order of Council authorizing him to open a new contract at such time, as the board may think proper.

Addition  
built to the  
public mill

He says that he has without advice, had an addition made to the public mill at the Post, at an expense not including the mill-stones of £21. He encloses the millwright's bill. His motive in this was, that he thinks it will be productive, inasmuch as the toll earned might supply the Post with forage, & save the expense of purchasing a Considerable part, if not the whole short forage necessary for the supplies of the Post. He still thinks so, and if his judgment fails in this matter, his conscience will stand acquitted, as his intention is to lessen the expense of the Post as much as possible. If the Board do not think proper to allow the additional expense, he will pay it himself & depend on the nett profits of the mill to repay him. As the artificers' times will expire in April next, he desires to know whether they shall be engaged for a longer term or not.

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1791.

Reporting that he had examined the quarterly returns from the Post at the Point of Fork. He finds a balance due the Superintendent and Artificers to the first day of January, 1791, to be £111, 9s, 0d, and the Amount of the Pay-Roll for the Guards to be £72, 12s, as usual. Mr. Langham's Cash account states a balance in his hands of £4, 14s, 3d, which being deducted from the balance due the Supt. & Artificers, will leave the sum of £106, 14s, 8½d.; for which, with the pay due the Guards, warrants ought to issue as usual to balance the accounts to the 1st January, 1791.

Jan. 4th  
Council  
office  
Quarterly  
returns from  
Point of  
Fork

## GEO. CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Jan. 4th

Sir,

I wish the Executive were disposed to take back the orders directed to me (of last week) on the subject of our defence, and grant my request of Saturday last, together with thirty privates and their proper proportion of officers with the allowances made the Militia under the militia law. This number, tho' Inadequet to defend so extensive a frontier, wou'd in a great measure insure protection; this would increase expences very little, if the other mode was even practicable. I hope your Excellency and the Honl. board will pardon my frequent solicitations, as my motive to you must be obvious.

Richmond  
Defence

On Saturday Evening last, I received a letter from the Hon'ble Andrew Moore in Congress, on the subject of Indian affairs; from which I learn no step is yet taken by them, nor does he signify that they Contemplate any other measures than those already adopted.

Andrew  
Moore  
Indian  
affairs

I am your Excellencie's obt. H'ble Serv't.

## WM. HAY TO JAQUELIN AMBLER, ESQ.

Jan. 4th

Informing him that he is confined with a severe complaint in his bowels, & cannot attend to-day, & asking him to obtain an order from the Executive for the balance of the note of the assembly of 1789, being £353, 19s, 1d, of which £150 is to be paid to James Carney; the balance had better remain until to-morrow, when he may be able to attend, unless a small sum—say £60 or £70—may be necessary for Mr. Austin. There is yet a good deal to do to the Roof. The late high wind has

Richmond  
Sick, and  
cannot  
attend to-  
day



1791. turned up a sheet, which has remained so many days. He fears Mr.  
 Jan. 4th Austin has no plumber competent to finish it since his workmen left, and  
 thinks it prudent to enquire into these circumstances before a full pay-  
 ment is made.

Jan. 4th

GEN'L JOSEPH MARTIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Henry Co.  
 Returned  
 from North  
 Carolina

I this day returned from North Carolina, and am sorry to inform  
 your Excellency that I co'd Not in every respect, answer the ends I  
 was sent to that state for, as they did not seem Disposed to do Any-  
 thing respecting the boundary line, as they Conceived they had no  
 power. But with some Difficulty, I prevail'd on them to refer it to a  
 Committee, where I had an opportunity of giving my sentiments. I  
 found it very Difficult to collect the Committee, Being obliged to do the  
 duty of a door-keeper, by applying personally to every one, & soliciting  
 them to attend. The report I herewith send, as also the one Past in  
 1789. I endeavour'd to have a law Past, but could not. After much  
 time being spent, the Assembly agreed to let that part lie over until  
 Next Session, as they should have as much power Then to pass the act  
 as they had at this.

Act for  
 cutting the  
 canal not  
 sent

It was out of my power to send the act for Cuting the Canell, the  
 reasons the Governor has assigned your Excellency, the act is similar to  
 the one past in Virginia, tho' not exactly; in one instance They compel  
 the subscribers to have it to Draw Five feet water; the Virginia act  
 only three. I also send for your information a Copy of the Session act  
 by which you will see whether North Carolina with propriety can pass  
 any act to Establish Walker's line; if so, it probably may be done next  
 Session. I mentioned something in my last letter Respecting a Report  
 of a Committee on the latter. I wrote Mr. McGillavray In order to  
 Explain the Matter more fully; have sent the Original report, sign'd  
 by William Blount, who is now Governor of the new Seaded territory.

Walker's  
 line

Mr. Savier

The other Depositions aluded to was Exhibited by Mr. Savier, in order  
 to answer his ends; these were the Reasons I have been told Congress  
 did not Continue My appointment to the very great injury of the fron-  
 tiers of this State. The Governor of North Carolina has wrote a verry  
 long letter to the president on the subject Recommending to appoint  
 me.

Recom-  
 mending  
 him for  
 appointment

As your Excellency has been well acquainted with My Conduct in the  
 Indian Department many years, if you think me worthy of that trust—  
 if you & the Honorable Council thought proper to write to the Presi-

dent also—It mought put thing to rights, & I might Have it once more in my power to Render assensial services to my poor Distressed friends on the Frontiers, as nothing else could induce me to accept of any appointment under Congress after their neglect To me; which the poor suffering frontiers cannot help. I have lately had a long talk from the Cherokee, with a belt of wampum, requesting me to come Immediately to their towns, But I shall not go before I hear whether I have any Encouragement from Congress or this State respecting a Garrison at the Ford of Cumberland. I have lately had several letters on that subject from Cumberland & Kantuckey. The ford of Cumberland is the line between the United States and the Cherokee Indians. If I could got liberty from Congress to purchase a few Acres of land from the Cherokeys at that spot joining mine, I could easily affect it—I mean a few acres for the support of the garrison; 50 acres or a 100 might not be thought extravagant. If this could be affected, & I get liberty to trade, & the sitizens restran'd from taking spirituous liquors to the towns, I am well assured Could do something Capital for the frontiers of this State.

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Jan. 4th

Congress' neglect of him

Liberty to trade

The Indians in their Talks to me, mentioned That some time this fall some White men came to their Camps where they were hunting, & kill'd two of their men, & scalpt them & took from them a large quantity of Bear meat & all their skins, &c. They seem much confused. I Beleave a party of Creeks who are not very well Disposed, have been tempering with them; also the Western Indians.

White men killing and scalping two Indians, &amp;c.

I could say much with propriety on Indian affairs, but it Might appear to some that I wanted to get into Business. I Conclude for the present, by saying that it is my opinion that if the same attention had been paid in that Department For twelve months past, as had been for many years Before, the frontiers would have been on much Better footing. I Belive your Excellency will recollect That no Combination among the Different Tribes took place, without the Executive of Virginia being inform'd, nor no expeditions by any Tribes, as I had by way the Cherokees opened A Communication to the Different tribes over the Ohio. General Harmer might have known what numbers & tribes he had to encounter Before the action, &c.

General Harmer

I Cannot with Convenience wait on your Excellency Immediately; have therefore employ'd Capt. Alexander to set out with all Possible Dispatch with the enclosed from the Governor of N. Carolina. Should your Excellency Honor me with any further Commands, shall stand prepared to execute them on the Shortest notice.

Captain Alexander

I have the Honor to be, with the Greatest Respect,  
Your Excellency's most Humble & most obt. Serv't.

1791.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Jan. 6th  
Hanover  
The Executive assured of his return to duty as soon as he possibly can

Your favour of the 1st Inst., I received last Night. The Executive may be assured of my attending as formerly to the Duties of my office as soon as I possibly can do it with any tolerable safety. I was in Richmond a few days during the sitting of the Court, but was for a week afterwards unable to use my left arm. I returned again as soon as I got a little better, & on coming home had a sore brake on my right arm, as also my leg broke out afresh. These places are again mending & I shall be in Richmond immediately on their healing up; of which I have every indication that can be wished. I have, Sir, for your & the Executive's satisfaction been more particular, as the indulgence I have received demands my utmost assiduity the moment I can resume business.

Most respectfully I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obt. &amp; h'ble Serv't.

Jan. 6th

OLIVER POLLOCK TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Richmond  
Enclosing copy of Act of Legislature  
Requests warrants to be issued agreeably to said Act, &c.

I was honoured with your Excellency's favour of the 17th ulto.; the Contents of which I daily observe. I now take the liberty to inclose Copy of the act of the Legislature wherein it is directed that my warrants shall be Issued bearing an Interest of 6 pr. Ct. pr. annum; this has hitherto been omitted, Supposing the Cash to be directly received at the Treasury, but this not being the case, I have now to request that the Auditor will be directed to Issue the warrants agreeable to the said act, as also that the Interest may be settled for those already Issued, agreeable to the time of payments made at the Treasury.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient, Hum'ble Servant.

Jan. 7th

J. E. HOWARD, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, IN COUNCIL, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Annapolis

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 1st of December, on the subject of the materials formerly provided for the erection of a light-house, in which our States have a

joint interest. And we enclose you a resolution of the Legislature authorizing us to take measures in concert with the Executive of Virginia for the disposal thereof.

1791.

Jan. 6th

As we recollect from former communications that your Board sent one of its members to ascertain the condition in which these materials are, we are persuaded that the intention of our assembly will be perfectly answered by our referring the matter entirely to the Executive of Virginia. We therefore notify to your Excellency that whatever contract you may make for the whole of the materials will be accepted by this State, and in that case we request your Excellency to take proper measures for the payment of our part. In the meantime, if any proposal should be made to us on the subject, we shall take the earliest occasion to apprise your Excellency of it.

The matter referred entirely to the Executive of Virginia

We have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's mo. obed. Serv'ts.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Jan. 7th

Enclosing a printed copy of an act to provide for the unloading of ships or vessels in cases of obstruction by ice. This act was passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 6th, 1790, and also by the Senate, and approved by Geo. Washington, Pres. of the United States, on January 7th, 1791. The purport of this act, is: That as it sometimes happens that vessels are obstructed by ice in their passage to the ports of their destination, and it is necessary that provision should be made for unloading such vessels, It is Enacted that in all cases where a vessel is prevented by ice from getting to the port at which her cargo is intended to be delivered, it shall be lawful for the Collector of the district, in which such vessel may be so obstructed, to receive the report and entry of any such vessels, and with the consent of the naval officer (where there is one) to grant permits for unloading or landing the goods, wares, or merchandize imported in such vessel, at any place within his district which shall to him appear most convenient and proper. And further, that the report & entry of such vessel, and of her Cargo, or any part thereof, and all persons concerned therein shall be under, and subject to the same rules, regulations, restrictions, penalties, & provisions, as if the said vessel had arrived at the port of her destination, and had there proceeded to the delivery of her cargo.

Philadelphia

An Act to provide for unloading vessels when obstructed by ice

All persons concerned subject to the same rules, &c.

1791.

JNO. HARVIE AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 10th Jno. Harvie, David Ross, and Wm. Foushee, Directors of the James River Company, to Governor Randolph:

Sir,

Richmond We have just now made a Requisition from the members of the Requisition James River Company of five pounds pr. share on the whole Capital to made for 5 be paid on or before the 20th day of next month. As this is the season pounds per he paid on or before the 20th day of next month. As this is the season for laying in provisions and several other articles essentially necessary share on the for carrying on the Work, we shall be much obliged by your favour- whole ing us with a warrant for the money which will be due for the Public capital Shares.

We do not mean to draw the whole money immediately, unless it be agreeable, but shall endeavour to accomodate the payments to the convenience of the Treasurer.

We have the Honor to be,

Your Oht. Serv'ts.

Jan. 14th

J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Treasury  
Report of  
balance in  
Treasury

We have between a thousand and eleven hundred pounds specie now in the Treasury; it is impossible to determine when & to what amount it may be replenished; however, the pressing calls of the James River Company, I should presume, will justify an advance of £500 for their present need.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Your Excellency's obed. Serv't.

Jan. 14th ALEXANDER HAMILTON, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Treasury  
Department

Statements  
of agents

It is necessary to the adjustment of the public accounts, that the officers of the Treasury should be informed what sums in final settlement certificates were paid over to the several states by the agents for settling the accounts of their respective lines in the late Army. The statements of those agents are the only documents on the subject of which the United States are possessed, and it will be readily perceived that they ought not to be accepted as satisfactory vouchers.

I am therefore obliged to request the favor of your directing a return of the sum received by your State to be made out as expeditiously as may be convenient and transmitted to this office. 1791. Jan. 14th

I have the honor to be very respectfully, Sir,  
Your most obedt. Servant.

WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 17th

Sir,

In order to enable the Executive to come to a Determination respecting the application of the Fund provided by the assembly for the purpose of paying the Debts due by the Directors, and for the further prosecution of the Work, I beg leave to transmit to you Copies of the statements laid before the Committee of the Assembly. Richmond Application of the fund

No. 1 is a state of the Debts due, out of which is deducted the Balance then due & since received of the vote of the preceeding assembly. This statement is not accurate, but I believe it does not exceed the sum that will be due when the work is measured & the accounts are settled; until this is done, the Directors do not wish to proceed any further in the work of the Capitol. In order to satisfy the most pressing Demands, I conceive five hundred of the seven hundred and fifty Pounds will be sufficient at present. £500 sufficient at present Estimate

No. 2 is an Estimate of the sum necessary for paying the Debts and executing the work taken notice of in the Report of the Committee.

The Directors at a meeting held before the Resignation of Mr. Ambler, had come to a Determination to sell the Inclosure 'round the Capitol, as it was of no further use for the preservation of the materials; in this they wish the advice of the Executive. Besides the act for providing the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-two pounds, there is another empowering the Directors to provide a Bell, &c., but as there is not a majority of the Directors to constitute a meeting, no new contracts can be made until the Executive fill as many of the vacancies as they see proper. Resignation of Mr. Ambler No new contracts can be made till vacancies are filled

The Executive will therefore be pleased to act in this Business, & to advise the Directors how far they can depend on money to comply with such contracts, as by these acts they are authorized to make. Agreeable to the Directions of the Executive, I have entered a claim against Mr. Cary's Estate for the Debts due by him, & will furnish the Attorney-General with such Documents as will enable him to sue for the Debts due to the Directors & the Commissioners of sales of public property. Claim against Mr. Cary's estate, &c.

I have the honour to be, with great Respect,  
Your Excellency's most ob. Sev.

1791. Statements No. 1 and 2, referred to above, are as follows:

Jan. 17th

No. 1.

Statement  
No. 1

State of the Debts due by the Directors of the public Buildings:

To James Carney, &c., stone-masons, - - -	£221, 18s, 10½d.
To Moses Austin & Co., - - - - -	230, 0 8
To John Barrell on account of Edward Voss, including Interest from the 8th July, 1789, when his claim was adjusted, - - - - -	129, 12 5½
To Samuel Dobie, - - - - -	53, 10 0

N. B.—Of this Sum, there is £10 which appears to have been an over-charge by the Commissioners upon a former settlement with Mr. Dobie.

To Joseph Kay, whose work is not measured, but suppose, - - - - -	150, 0 0
To Dabney Minor, whose work is not measured, but suppose, - - - - -	200, 0 0
To Heisler & Cooke for stoves for the Senate room and the Court room, - - - - -	14, 11 0
To William Anderson & Co., balance of the imported materials, - - - - -	100, 5 10½

N. B.—This sum has not been paid on account of a claim which the Directors have for the Drawback on the Glass, & for some nails which were unfit for use, & which has never yet been adjusted.

Some small Balances due the workmen, - - -	4, 0 2½
	£1,103, 19s, 1d.
Deduct for the Balance of the vote of last assembly, - - -	353, 19 1
Sum to be provided, - - - - -	£750, 0s, 0d.

Statement  
No. 2

No. 2.

An Estimate of the Sum necessary for the objects in the Report of the Committee, formed upon the best Information the Directors can at this Time obtain, viz:

To pay off the arrears—say, - - - - -	£750, 0s, 0d.
Lead for the Cornice, wall-pipes and windows, exclusive of the Lead on Hand belonging to the Public, say 11 Tons at £52, - - - - -	572, 0 0
Finishing the Cornice in plaster or wood—say, - - -	240, 0 0
Plastering the offices under the Portico, - - -	50, 0 0
do. the rooms unfinished, - - - - -	50, 0 0
	£1,562, 0s, 0d.

N. B.—The Debts due to the Commissioners & the Directors enumerated in the Report of the Committee, with Interest to the first of January next, would amount to £796, 6s, 6d, which is more than the Debts stated above to be due by the Directors. 1791.  
Jan. 17th

If the Assembly agree with the Committee in allowing to Moses Austin & Co. 5 pr. Cent. on their Contract, The sum of £142, 9s, 2d. ought to be added to the above Estimate.

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SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 18th

Informing him that since his last, on the subject of the Militia, the following returns have been made by the County Lieutenants, viz: of Spotsylvania, Chesterfield, Mecklenburg, Southampton, Northampton, New Kent, Fluvanna, and Lunenburg. The County Lieutenants of Fluvanna, Amherst & Chesterfield, & of Mecklenburg, have respectively declared upon oath that no monies have come into their hands by virtue of their offices. The County Lieutenant of Nansemond by a statement of Disbursements and of fines received makes a balance due him upon oath of Eighteen pounds, twelve shillings. He begs leave to submit a General statement of the Returns received during the year 1790, and to assure him that he is with great respect, Council office  
Militia returns

His most ob. Servant.

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WM. HAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 19th

Sir,

The inclosed is a Copy of the proceedings of the Directors of the Public Buildings at their meeting this Day in the Capitol; In consequence of which I have drawn orders to the different Gentlemen named therein for the respective Sums to be paid to them. You will therefore be pleased to grant orders on the Auditor to them, on Behalf of the Directors of the Public Buildings. Richmond  
Copy of proceedings of Directors of the Public Buildings

I have the honour to be very respectfully,

Your Excellency's most ob. Servt.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Public Buildings held at the Capitol the 19th day of January, 1791: Meeting of the Directors

Present: Richard Adams, The Hon'ble Robert Goode, William Hay, Dr. William Foushee, & Daniel L. Hylton.

Upon consideration of the statements laid before the Assembly of the Debts due by the Directors; and the work directed to be executed; and the Letter to the Executive of the 17th Instant, wrote by William Hay on Behalf of the directors: Debts due by the directors



1791. Resolved, that of the sum voted by last Assembly, the sum of five hundred Pounds be drawn in order to pay off the most pressing Debts due by the Directors, and that in the mean Time the work unsettled be measured and the amounts thereof adjusted in order that every claim against the Directors may be paid off, and that application be made to the Executive for an order for the above sum by William Hay to be applied in the payment of the Debts due as far as it will go.

Person to be paid and the amounts Resolved, that the above sum of five hundred Pounds be divided as follows: to Moses Austin & Co., one hundred and fifty-five pounds and eight pence; to James Carney, seventy-one pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence, three farthings; to John Barret, two hundred and twenty-nine pounds twelve shillings and five pence farthings; and to Dabney Minor, forty-three pounds, eight shillings.

Inclosure round the capitol to be sold Resolved, as the opinion of the Directors that the Inclosure round the Capitol be disposed of by William Hay at public or private Sale, for ready money or a credit of three months as may appear to be most for the advantage of the public.

Signed, R. ADAMS.

A True copy: WM. HAY.

Jan. 20th

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Auditor's office

Col. Davies' letter

The object will justify the expence of the examination

Having perused the extract of Colo. Davies's letter to your Excellency sent me yesterday, I begg leave to inform you I do not think there remains in this office a single voucher or document of any kind respecting the Cont'l acct.; I can only judge of this, however, from the frequent recourse which has been had to our books & papers for the purpose of selecting vouchers & Collateral proofs to support that account; and as the Comm'r seems to flatter himself some further proofs might be derived from a careful examination of the office, perhaps, Sir, it may be proper to encourage the enquiry, the object will surely justify the expence, and the Comm'r will have no cause to complain of remissness here. If the examination should be advised, I'll be ready to give the person employed all the assistance in my power.

I have the honor to be with respect & regard,  
Y'r Ex'ys most obt. servt.

Jan. 20th

COLONEL ARTHUR THORNTON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Caroline

Stating that the General musters in this County having been fixed on days that proved so wet that he had not sufficient officers to hold a

court-martial; of course he made no returns of the strength of the militia, for which he trusts that he will be excused. While on the subject of Militia, he would say that the fines heretofore assessed had been put by him into the hands of the Sheriffs, from whom he cannot obtain one single shilling; they say the People refuse to pay, and they doubt the propriety of seizing and selling. His situation being truly disagreeable, he would esteem it a singular favour to have the positive orders of his Excellency and the Honl. Executive, whether he as Commanding officer of this county, shall move the Court for a judgment against the Sheriffs for the amount of fines put into their hands for collection, or whether he shall let the matter lie dormant. He flatters himself of being indulged with absolute orders for one or the other.

1791.

Jan. 20th  
General  
muster  
Fines here-  
tofore  
assessed put  
in Sheriff's  
hands

OLIVER POLLOCK TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Jan. 22d

Sir,

By your Excellency's order at my request, the clerk of the Honourable the Council has handed me Copy of a scurrilous paper directed to the President of the United States, signed by Lewis Toutant Beauregard and S. Le Bourgois, accompanied by a voluntary certificate signed by Dan'l Clark, dated New Orleans, 14th October, 1789. I was honoured at same time with Copy of the Attorney-General's opinion upon those papers, dated New York, 7th Feb'y, 1790, and given by order of the President.

Richmond  
Copy of a  
scurrilous  
paper  
directed to  
the Presi-  
dent of U.  
States and  
signed by  
Lewis Tout-  
tant Beaure-  
gard, &c.

This opinion is so fully pointed to the Purpose, that it leaves but little for me to say on the subject; therefore I do not mean to trouble your Excellency with a tedious argument upon a business already so Discussed, that inspiration could hardly throw a new light upon it. There are, however, some points in view which the authors of those papers maliciously insinuates, 1st, that I never had anything to loose, and of course they never looked to me for the money; & lastly, that I may have *defrauded* the State as well as them. Respecting those charges for the information of your Excellency, I have 1st to observe that I carried on an extensive and advantageous commerce for twelve years before the revolution; during which time I was supply'd with dry-goods from London, negroes from Africa, and flour from Philad'a to the River Mississippi, (for all which I had no bills protested); and by the Correspondence I had with the principal Commercial Houses in Philad'a, I became known to the United States, and early in the revolution I was solicited by them & this state for important supplies which I then furnished with my own funds, and my own Credit long before I had the honour to touch Beauregard or Bourgeois' money for the unfortunate bills upon Pinet, Dacosta & Co.

Respecting  
these  
charges, &c.

1791. Those Gentlemen say: "In 1784 we were informed that Mr. Pollock  
Jan. 22d had settled all his publick accounts with the State of Virginia in which  
he included our demands with an allowed damage of 18 p'r cent., & Interest of 6 pr. Ct. pr. annum. Yet untill the year 1887 we heard no more on the Subject." They must had more than common indulgence to their debtors to remain three years in silence without making any demand on me, and nine years without making any demand even on the State, which they now say was their whole Dependence for their money; but I presume they forgot how they commenced suits against me at the Havana & New Orleans.

Inclosed  
copy of his  
obligation,  
dated  
Havana,  
May 2, 1785

The inclosed Copy of my obligation, dated Havana, 2d May, 1785, (to the Spanish Envoy, Mr. Gardoque,) and now upon record in that City, destroys their assertion. Facts and dates are too stubborn to be done away by flattery and falsehood. Lastly, Concerning the mode of payment, I have only to refere to their receipts and General acquittances which was given at the Publick Notary's office, dated New Orleans, 10th & 15th March, 1787, 6th March, & 27th May, 1788, and there upon record, and now on the files in the Auditor's office of this State.

Those documents require no comment. It now only remains to inform your Excellency respecting the paper money busines. In the years 1787 & 1786, I shipped my attorney (then Mr. Clarke), negroes from the West Indies & flour from Philad'a to New Orleans, to be there disposed to the very best advantage to take up those bills, and all others that unfortunately had my signature hanging over me for the publick service. Mr. Clarke in this transaction received the current money of the country for my property, and, of course, paid it away as received.

Interest and  
damages  
gained by  
him

It appears also by this Gentleman's certificate that I had gained 1 p'r Ct. Interest & 5½ p'r Ct. damages. Granted he acted as my attorney and did only his duty to make the best bargain he could for me, "however sorry he or them may be for it now," for which I paid him 5 p'r Ct. on the sales of my Goods, and 5 p'r Ct. for taking up those bills, but this is out of my own pocket, as I did not act in this instance as agent for the State, or did the State furnish me with funds or Credit to take up those bills, but on the contrary, I risked my own funds and my own credit in the regular line of Commerce, and paid those gentlemen in their own Currency at their own door, and if I have any profits by the negotiation, I presume all men of candour will think me justly entitled to them, but what is most to be lamented that they have got the paper money which was Equal to Gold and Silver at New Orleans when I was there last year, and I am, to this day, not only laying out of my Capital but also out of the Interest of my money.

I observe Mr. Clark's certificate cloaths Mr. Beauregard with the dignity "of one of his Majistie's council of Loussiana." I hope he has got better credentials to produce for it than that flimsy voucher, but if he has such appointment it does him honour, and it is probably from that

circumstance of his having acquired a proper knowledge of the Rectitude of that Government, that prevented him from having the audacity to lay such a claim before that Honourable Tribunal, although I was on the spot at New Orleans at the very time he secretly put it forward to the President of the United States, & by that artifice put it out of my power to bring them to Justice.

I have dwelt the longer on those points, because in my humble opinion they comprehend the whole of the business—the rest is unworthy of notice.

I have the honour to be with much Respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedt. Humble Servant.

The following is the Copy of Mr. Pollock's obligation referred to in the foregoing letter:

I, Don Lewis Sirrano, Notary to his Majesty, & attorney for the royal treasury in this City & Island, Certify & make known that in the public register of my office, on the thirtieth day of April Last, Don Oliver Pollock, of the Anglois Americano Nation, & residing in this City, has bound himself to Pay to Seignor Commissario Ordinador Don Deigo Gardoque plenipotentiary of our Sovereign to the United States of North America, immediately upon his arrival in that Country, to which place they are now both ready to Depart, the sums which he owes to the royal Treasury & to other Individual persons, to-wit: To his majesty, 13,112 dollars; To his Excellency Count de Gabrez, 74,087 do.; To don Joseph Fonche, 210 35; To Mr. Bourgard, 3,000; To Mr. Saarsy, 3,000; To Mr. Santiago Mullen, 12,200; To Mr. Cadet Fardet, 2,155; To do. for another sum, 13,000; To Don Marcos Olivares, 2,000; To Don Narcisso Dealva & C., 8,107 1; which Sum are the same Due to all the Creditors which are pending in the Court of the Intendant-General of the Army and royal Treasury, & on which the Suits are suspended by virtue of his having engaged to pay them in the said provinces to the said Signor Commissario Ordinador on Condition that out of the debt due to the royal Treasury are to be deducted 1,878 dollars, which he asserts he has paid, & for which Sum he is not Credited in the proceeds; for which reason, he is to produce to the same Commissary Competent vouchers for the payment of that sum, in order that it may be discounted, and the same is to be observed in respect to Don Narcisso Alva & Co. debt, which the said Pollock asserts does not amount to 3,107 1, the sum demanded, of which nothing appears in the suit to the Contrary.

1791.  
Jan. 22d

Copy of  
Mr. Pollock's  
obligation

1791. In Testimony whereof & of the written obligation above mentioned,  
Jan. 22d & in virtue of the verbal order of the s'd Intendant, I give these Pres-  
ents in the City of Havana, the 2d May, 1785.

LEWIS SIRRANO.

This translation appears to Contain the substance of the original.

JOHN TAY.

New York, 12th July, 1785.

Jan. 24th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

War  
department

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's  
favors of the 3d and 7th instant.

Obliged for  
forwarding  
letter to Gov.  
Blount

I am exceedingly obliged for your kindness in forwarding the letters,  
in the manner you mention, to governor Blount. I am in hopes he will  
receive them. I was apprehensive they might have been forwarded in  
another manner, and perhaps suppressed.

Commuta-  
tion of Willis  
Wilson

Entirely disposed to comply with your request in all things, I have  
communicated with the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject of  
returning the commutation of the meritorious officer, Willis Wilson. It  
appears that he has already received one year's pension from Virginia,  
and one year from the United States, amounting to Two Hundred and  
sixty-six dollars and sixty-six and two-thirds cents. But it does not  
appear to whom he has returned his commutation, but it is presumed to  
have been to Virginia. Upon investigating this subject, it doth not  
appear that discretionary power is lodged with the public servants to  
take any step upon this subject, and therefore that nothing less than an  
Act of the Congress would be adequate to authorize the return of the  
commutation.

No discre-  
tionary  
power  
lodged with  
public ser-  
vants to act

His idea sub-  
mitted

As Virginia has been pleased to grant him the amount of his half-pay,  
and as the United States will continue their payments to him, I submit  
the idea to your Excellency whether upon the whole this arrangement  
will not be much better for him than to endeavor to obtain a return of  
his commutation?

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant.

Jan. 24th

COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Sir,

Philadelphia

On examining the extracts sent me from Major Claiborn's books, I  
find the person employed in this business has mistaken his object. The

papers made out by him consist of Major Claiborne's *cash* account, and a general return of *supplies* furnished by the State. The copy of the *cash* account is of little use, as it is immaterial to our purpose how Claiborne applied his money; our only enquiry is, the sums advanced by the State, and that already sufficiently appears by the books of the Auditors & Treasurer. On the other hand, the *supplies* were received thro' a vast variety of channels; a minute statement of which is necessary, both for the purpose of ascertaining how much of the supplies which he received are included in the receipts which I have, as well as what is the quantity for which I have no other vouchers.

This object can only be accomplished by a minute specification of the county, person, office, & time to which the supplies delivered bear relation; otherwise I cannot distinguish how far these supplies were appropriations of the articles obtained by purchase, impressment or taxation, the three modes by which the State procured them. All these circumstances are omitted in the return sent me—nothing more being particularized than the amount of the articles received by Claiborne, and five only of his deputies. I will be much obliged to your Excellency to have this matter remedied.

On this occasion, perhaps, it may be proper to inform you that on the 9th of May, 1781, Wm. Claiborne stands charged with £81,000 on account to purchase horses for the army; and on the 17th of July following, with £168,000 on account to pay for horses for the army; and on the 28th of February, 1783, with £187, 10s, specie, for expences of continental horses. Whether these entries on Major Claiborne's books have any relation to the transactions to which your Excellency in a late letter referred, I cannot determine. The documents forwarded by a young Mr. Johnson, of Augusta, who appears to have been Employed by Mr. Porterfield, have been collected, I fancy, upon a very mistaken principle. They support claims to a large amount, and would have been admitted without hesitation had they been sent on in their original state; but it seems to have been the idea of Mr. Johnson, that the design of the collection of these vouchers was to obtain compensation to the individuals; and unhappily an affidavit has been annexed to a great number of the receipts, that the proprietor has never received any pay for the articles expressed in them, subjecting by these means all charges in our account that are found on these vouchers to the hazard of rejection, upon the principle that if the State never paid for them nor raised them by tax, she has no right to charge them. I shall write to Mr. Porterfield on this subject.

I have received by Mr. Belli the treasury receipt-books, which I desired, and some which I did not, being for payments a year or two prior to the commencement of the resolution.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most humble Serv't.

1791.  
Jan. 24th  
Extracts  
from Major  
Claiborne's  
books  
Supplies

How the  
object can  
be accom-  
plished

Documents  
sent by Mr.  
Johnson of  
Augusta

Mr. Belli

1791.

CUSTIS KENDALL TO SAMUEL COLEMAN, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Jan. 25th North-ampton  
 Called on to pay his subscription, &c.

I received yours, dated December 6th, 1789, calling upon me to make immediate payment of my subscription for a month's pay and interest due thereon from the 1st day of Jan'y, 1783, at which I am much surpris'd. In answer to which, I have only to say that I paid at the settlement of my acct. with the Continent, Mr. Andrew Duncomb Fifty Dollars, the sum which he inform'd me I was to pay. That was in March, 1783. As to the six dollars I do not recollect of my paying, and should be glad to know before I do, what it is for.

I am, D'r Sir, with esteem,

Your obed't, Hum. Serv't.

Jan. 26th

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Council office

I do myself the honor to enclose you a return of the amount of final settle'm't and Commutation Certificates rec'd by Mr. Charles Jones of Mr. Duncomb. Of this amount, there is yet in my possession the sum of Sixteen thousand and Seventeen Dollars and fifty-two nine- tenths of a Dollar, to be paid to the Claimants.

The above return is made out from Mr. Jones' account of receipts and issues.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob't Servant.

Jan. 26th

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE HONORABLE BOARD.

Auditor's office

In obedience to an order of Council respecting sundrie bills presented by Oliver Pollock, esq., the auditor respectfully reports to the hon'ble Board as follows:

Oliver Pollock's protested bills

That the sum retained to indemnify the State on account of sundrie protested bills drawn in favour of Mr. Pollock, on Penet & Co. of francee, Amounts to, - - - - - \$38,389 05

Bills—of w'ch these have been paid:

One for,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,200
do.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,278
							<u>15,478 00</u>
Remaining,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,911 05

Brought forward,	-	-	-	-	-	22,911 05	1791.
Mr. Pollock produces now the following bills with protests:							Jan. 26th
One for,	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,000	
do.,	-	-	-	-	-	2,155	
do.,	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	
						<u>18,155 00</u>	
Remaining,	-	-	-	-	-	<u>4,756 05</u>	

To obtain this balance (of 4,756 dolls. 5 cts.) Mr. Pollock produces two protests—one for 1,773 dollars—the other for 200 without the original drafts; and for the remainder sundrie letters of correspondence wch are not within the authority of the Auditor to be admitted in lieu of the bills, & therefore are refered to the hon'ble, the Executive.

Note.—The bills to be paid are entitled to 18 p'r Cent. damage, & 6 p'r Cent. interest from 1st August, 1782.

By reference to account current of Messrs. Pinet, Dacosta Brothers, & Co. with Oliver Pollock, it will appear that the state of Virginia issued a letter of credit on them in favor of Pollock, on Nov. 6th, 1779, for 65814 piastres, 4 xa's, upon which he drew his drafts in favour of sundry persons, for the full amount, the last having been drawn by him at New Orleans, on the 13th of September, 1780.

THOS. LEE, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Jan. 29th

Informing him that by a late decision in the Court of Appeals, the State is put in possession of a large tract of land in this County, known by the name of Bristow Land. Ever since the land was confiscated, and the suit pending between the State & certain individuals, the late Mr. Wm. Carr has been receiving the rents. He supposes that his Excellency and the Hon' Council will appoint some one to receive the rents now due on behalf of the state, as also to settle with the representatives of the late Mr. Carr. He will be glad to receive that appointment and execute the business, and will be at all times ready to receive their commands on the subject.

JOSHUA CHAFFIN & JOHN ROYALL, JUN'R, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 1st

Recommending Matthew Robertson, George Baldwin & Ambrose Jeter, of Amelia, and Capt. John Morton, of Prince Edward, as proper per-



1791. sons to be appointed to re-assess the lands of Amelia & Nottoway Counties. George Booker, Sherwood Walton, John Gooch and Sterling C. Thornton formerly assessed the lands in the above mentioned Counties, neither of whom it is hoped, will be re-appointed.

Feb. 4th GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO BRIGADIER GENERAL WOOD.

Dear Sir,

Thinks it  
unsafe to  
venture out

National  
bank estab-  
lished

Thinking it unsafe to venture out for the first time in such raw weather as the present, I beg leave to send you such public Papers as I have received since the last meeting. I received by last night's mail, a private Letter from Mr. Monroe. He informs me that the Senate have pass'd the Bill establishing a National Bank upon the following Principles:—The Capital to consist of 10,000,000 of Dollars; 2 millions of which sum is to be subscribed by the U. S. out of the money lately borrowed in Europe, to be afterwards borrowed of the Bank & repaid in 10 years by Equal Annual Instalments. The Residue to be subscribed by States or Individuals, in shares of 400 Ds. Each;  $\frac{1}{4}$  in Paper securities &  $\frac{1}{4}$  specie; to commence its operations when 400,000 Ds. specie shall be subscribed. No charter to be granted to any other Company for the space of 20 years, that being the Period limited for the Duration of this.

Mr. Pollock  
will take  
charge of  
Treasury  
Receipt  
book for Col.  
Davies

Mr. Pollock is so obliging to take charge of a Treasury Receipt book, which was by mistake left out of the Box last sent to Colo. Davies; will you be so good as to have it sealed up in some strong Paper & sent to Mr. Granor's, where Mr. Pollock lodges. I hope I shall be able to attend the Council at their next meeting.

I am Sir,

Y<sup>r</sup> obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Feb. 4th  
Kentucky to  
be admitted  
into the  
Union

This is an Act of Congress, signed by the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and Thos. Jefferson, Secretary of State, & approved by Geo. Washington, President of the United States, Feb. 4th, 1791, declaring the consent of Congress, that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and be admitted into this Union by the name of the State of Kentucky. The said admission into the said Union to take place upon June 1st, 1792. The said State of Kentucky to be at that time received & admitted as a new and entire member of the United States of America, separate from and independent of the said Commonwealth of Virginia.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1791.

Sir,

By the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled, an act for clearing and improving the navigation of James River," I am required to purchase in behalf of the Commonwealth, so many shares which may be offered for sale, provided they shall not exceed fifty, nor the sum to be paid by the original proprietor for each share. The Directors of the James River Company, have this day made an offer of fifty shares, at fifty pounds for each share, and as they are fixt in their determination to purchase the said fifty shares in behalf of the Comppny, rather than part with them at any less rate, I am inclined to take them at fifty pounds each, for the Commonwealth, provided it meets the approbation of the Hon'ble Board, whose advice I am anxious to have on this, as well as on every other important occasion, in which I am to exercise discretionary powers as a servant of the public. The concurrence of the Hon'ble Board is more particularly desirable on the present occasion, because they can best judge of the future ability of the Treasury to comply with cash engagements. The Directors say there will be absolute need of six hundred pounds in the course of three months. The present state of the Treasury will, I think, justify the parting with about £300, and I should hope the remaining £300 may be spared by the time the money will be wanted.

Feb. 7th  
Treasury  
Act for improving the navigation of James River

Concurrence of the Board desired by him

I am with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obed. Servant.

WM. ALEXANDER TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH AND THE COUNCIL.

Feb. 8th

This is a petition from Wm. Alexander, Agent of the attorneys of the creditors, Simon Nathan, of New York, praying that the sum of 15,000 livres, together with costs, damages, Interest, &c., be paid to the said agent or attorneys; It being on account of a draft issued & drawn by the Board of Trade of Virginia for that amount on Pinet de Costa, Freres & Co., of Bordeaux, dated on or about March 22d, 1780. That the said Nathan received said draft in lieu of a bill which he returned at the same time to the Board of Trade for 15,000 livres, drawn in favor of Major Godfrey Lintot on Pinet, De Costa & Co.; that the said Nathan paid away the Bill drawn in his favor to John Donaldson, which Bill was protested for non-payment; that the said Donaldson proceeded against the said Nathan and obtained judgment for the amount of said bill with costs, interest, &c., and received full satisfaction. The said Bill & protest is herewith enclosed, together with the affidavit of said Nathan taken before James Duane, Mayor of New York city; that he

Richmond  
Wm. Alexander, agent  
Petition for payment of protested bill of exchange

1791. is justly entitled to the amount of the said Bill of Exchange with costs,  
Feb. 8th interest, &c., from the state of Virginia, he never having directly or indirectly received any value, consideration or satisfaction for the same. He humbly prays that such orders will be given as the nature & justice of this case demands.

Together with this is also a similar Bill for the same amount, drawn by the said Board of Trade of Virginia on said Pinet, De Costa & Co., & protested for non-payment. Said Bill is now in the possession of Peter Whiteside, of Philadelphia. He trusts that this may be put upon the same footing with all the others of the same kind.

Feb. 8th H. BOWYER, CLERK OF BOTETOURT COUNTY COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Botetourt Enclosing a copy of the proceedings of Botetourt County Court, to-  
County wit:

At a court held for Botetourt County the 8th day of February, 1791:

Present: Patrick Lockhart, Thos. Rowland, Martin McFerran, and Matthew Wilson, Gentlemen, Justices.

Sam'l Todd, Gentleman, Sheriff of this county, together with Robert Harvey, George Hancock, Wm. McClenachan, Thomas Madison, and James Breckenridge, his securities entered into and acknowledged Bond in the penalty of Ten Thousand Pounds, according to Law, for the Collection, &c. of the Taxes due from this County to the Commonwealth for the year 1786; which bond is ordered to be Recorded.

A Copy—Teste:

H. BOWYER, C. B. C.

At a court continued and held for the County of Botetourt, the 10th day of March, 1791:

Present: George Shillan, Wm. McClensachan, Patrick Lockhart, Martin McFerran, John Baller, & James Mason, Gentlemen, Justices.

The Court having this day taken into consideration the Legality of an order made on the 8th day of February last, for admitting Samuel Todd, Gentleman, to give security for the Collection of the Revenue and Certificate Taxes for the year 1786, for this County, and the subsequent proceedings, and having council on the subject, are of opinion that they were not authorised by Law to admit any person to qualify as a Collector of the Taxes aforesaid, for any other years except those for which said person was commissioned by the Executive, and that the order aforesaid ought to be, and the same is hereby superseded and annulled, and it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court do Transmit to the Solicitor certified copies of the preceding orders immediately, from which Martin McFerran, Gentlemen, one of the Court, dissented.

Legality of  
said bond  
considered

Bond  
annulled

A Copy—Teste:

H. BOWYER, C. B. C.

At April Botetourt Court, 1791:

1791.

Present—George Shillun, Thomas Rowland, John Cartmill, & James Mason, Gentlemen Justices. Feb. 8th

Ordered, that the Bond Executed by Samuel Todd, Gentleman, sheriff of this County, and his securities therein named for the Collection of the Taxes for the year 1786, be given up to the said Todd, It appearing to this Court that said Bond was Illegally taken. Bond ordered to be given up to Todd, being illegally taken

A Copy—Teste:

H. BOWYER, C. B. C.

THOS. LEE, JR., TRAVERS DANIEL, JR., AND OTHERS, TO GOVERNOR FEB. 10th  
BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

This is a petition from the inhabitants of Prince William & Stafford counties, praying for the pardon of James, negro slave of Wm. Adie, of Stafford county, who was tried and convicted at the Court of Oyer & Terminer of Prince William County, on Feb. 3d, 1791, in connection with Ben. Coots, slave of John Lawson, for burglariously breaking & entering the corn-house of John Hedges, and carrying away two bushels of Indian corn of the value of ten pence, and sentenced to be hung on 12th of March next. These gentlemen give James a good previous character, and think it more than probable that he was induced to join in this felony by the seductions of the said Ben. Coots, who is a notorious villian. His pardon is most earnestly prayed for. Petition for pardon of James, negro slave  
Sentenced to be hung

RICHARD STITH TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Feb. 12th

Dear hon'd Sir,

In hope of moving your sympathy toward me, I inform you that my short reign in sheriffalty has thrown me into much Trouble and (I know not how great) danger of loss. Charles Lynch, jun'r, the Farming sh'ff, receiv'd the executions vs. the former sh'ffs, and return'd 'em executed (I'm inform'd) upon 100 negroes—when really nothing in hand! afterward in course followed the writs of venditioni exponas—1st, to the succeeding sh'ff (Col. Henderson), nothing found; 2dly, to me; I to Lynch. Now I am informed that the next step will be a notice from below for me—no one so proper to intercede for me as the Governor. I pray you for your Sollicitation and intercession, that you'll please to explain (at the right time and place) that I was but passive; that Charles Lynch, jun., (and James Adams to assist him), with unwearied diligence, obtained the Commission for me; after I'd given Campbell County  
His short reign in the sheriffalty has thrown him in great trouble, &c.

1791. under hand to Henderson. And (it seems so) when they had serv'd  
Feb. 12th their purpose, they suffer'd the Commission to be superceeded [here I  
inform you that Lynch in the agreement was to find security.] If a  
man in my situation can be exempt, I pray you have me exempt, by  
turning the notice, &c., to Lynch; for I am inform'd that the Law gives  
the option of proceeding vs. the sh'ff or the Deputy, (the saddle upon  
the right horse), and Lynch is Rich. I pray for your endeavours to  
make me easy.

Am, Sir,

Your honor's affectionate, H'ble Servant.

When my Business leads me to Manchester, I shall presume to make  
you a visit.

Feb. 14th

LEWIS BURWELL TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Stoneland Stating that the bearer, Charles Burton, has a petition to lay before  
Charles Bur- the Executive, praying for the remission of a fine of ten pounds & costs,  
ton's the assessed against him at the quarterly term of Mecklenburg County  
petition for court held in November, 1790, for assaulting and beating one William I.  
remission of a fine Burrus. Said Burton supports an honest, good character, and is not  
quarrelsome. Burrus, he knows to be a drunken blackguard fellow—  
very quarrelsome, & fond of fighting. The facts stated in the petition  
he believes to be true, and he, with several other gentlemen, have signed  
it—hoping that the Executive will remit the fine.

Feb. 16th

COLONEL THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Mr. Mc-  
Combe  
building  
Light-house  
on Cape  
Henry

Mr. McCombe, who has undertaken the building the Light-house on  
Cape Henry, requests to know the price of the Stone lying there to be  
dug out at the expence of the State, or what price as it lies buried in  
the sand, by the perch. Your Exc'y knowing the situation thereof, it is  
needless to describe it. Be pleased to give an answer to this proposal  
as soon as possible.

I respectfully am,

Y'r Exc'y's ob't Serv't.

Feb. 17th

S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Solicitor's  
office

Enclosing a list of balances due from Tobacco Inspectors to Oct., 1786,  
as appears by the Auditor's books.

Act of Congress passed Dec. 6th, 1790, and approved by George Washington, President of the United States, on Feb. 18, 1791, declaring that Andrew Brown, or any other printer, be permitted under the direction of the Secretary of State, to collate with and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions, and treaties of the United States, to be by him printed. A certificate of their having been so collated and corrected be annexed to the said edition: Provided that such collation and correction be at the expense of the said Andrew Brown, or such other printer, and that the person or persons to be by him or them employed in such service, be approved by the secretary of state.

1791.

Feb. 18th

Philadelphia  
Andrew  
Brown or  
any other  
printer per-  
mitted to  
collate, &c.,  
the laws of  
United  
States

## E. LANGHAM TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Feb. 21st

Stating that tho' he thinks it would not be proper to enter regularly into a contract for the supply of provisions to the Post sooner than April 1st, as perhaps the arrangement then will be different from the present one, yet he thinks it necessary to have some expectation of a supply, be the arrangement as it may.

Point of  
ForkProvisions  
for the Post

From a conversation with Col. Quarles on the subject, he seems not satisfied to continue furnishing provisions on the same terms as at present. He would be willing to furnish at 7d. per ration of meat, meal, & salt. He desires the Governor to give him his sentiments upon this matter, so that he may know whether or not to encourage the pretensions of a contractor, or if the probability is that no contractor will be wanted. In order that he may be able to look forward—as corn may be had now cheaper than is to be expected hereafter. If a contractor should be found necessary for the next year, he apprehends the 7d. is as low as any person will take the business. He will pay due regard to the last orders of the Council, and his Excellency's letter on the same subject. All is well at the post.

Will furnish  
at 7 pence  
per ration,  
&c.

## SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 23d

Sir,

Pursuant to Mr. Quarles' Contract, he has furnished the Post at the Point of Fork with rations from the 1st of November, 1790, to the 31st of January, 1791, inclusive to the amount of eighty-five pounds, twelve shillings, and one penny.

Council  
office  
Mr. Quarles  
contract for  
supplies

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob. Serv't.

1791.

JAMES WOOD AND ROBERT GOODE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 23d      Reporting that agreeable to the request of the Board, they had called  
 Report on      on Mr. Dickson (the public printer) and find 2,008 copies of the Laws of  
 the printing      last Assembly ready, tho' not on paper agreeable to contract. He is  
 of the laws      about the Journals, wh'ch will be ready in fourteen days from this time.  
 of last       
 assembly

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Feb. 23d

T. DIXON TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond      Stating that the reason the Laws were printed on two kinds of paper,  
 Why the      was, the notice he had was so short. He procured all that was to be had  
 laws were      in this place of the size, and sent to Petersburg to get some there, but  
 printed on      none could be had. Being limited to a certain time to have them fin-  
 two kinds      ished, he thought it most advisable to expedite the business with all  
 of paper      dispatch, which was more preferable than having the publication  
                  delayed.

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Feb. 25th

Phila-  
delphiaAct of Con-  
gress

Act of Congress passed Dec. 6, 1790, and approved by George Wash-  
 ington, President of the United States, Feb. 25, 1791, declaring That  
 until the Representatives in Congress shall be apportioned according to  
 an actual enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, the  
 States of Kentucky and Vermont shall each be entitled to choose two  
 Representatives.

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Feb. 26th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

War  
DepartmentCommuni-  
cations  
highly im-  
portant

The President of the United States has this day referred to me  
 your Excellency's letter to him of the 17th instant, relative to your  
 Communications of the 4th of the last month; and in obedience to his  
 orders, I have the honor, Sir, to inform you that your communications  
 being considered as highly important to elucidate the present Situation  
 of the frontiers, were therefore with other papers of the same nature,  
 on the 20th of last month, laid by him before the two houses of Con-  
 gress.

Measures  
for protec-  
tion deliber-  
ated by  
Congress

That measures calculated for the effectual protection of the Frontiers,  
 have been repeatedly under the deliberations of Congress, and it is  
 expected will be concluded upon in a day or two.

That as soon as Congress shall decide upon this important subject, the result shall be transmitted to your Excellency. 1791.  
Feb. 26th

With great respect, I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obt. & most hum. Servt.

ANTHONY SMITH TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Feb. 26th

Informing him that agreeably to the Executive's instructions of January last, he raised a company of Rangers, fifteen in number, by voluntary enlistment. That he used very great exertions to accomplish this End, and supposed he would have the command of them. That he is an Ensign. He has been informed by the County Lieut. that there is one other older Ensign than he, in the County. He has actually appointed him to the command, tho' he did not raise six men. He thinks it is not real justice that any officer of the same rank should have the command of rangers raised by his exertions. He believes the County Lieut. is only governed by a motive of establishing an uniform rule of calling officers into service. He yet trusts that the Executive will conceive him ousted out of his right. He hopes they will give such instructions that the right officer may be put into command; Be it who it may, or recommend the County Lieut. to leave the matter to the decision of the field officers & Captains of this County, who are all well acquainted with his exertions in this matter, as well as with his other conduct from his youth to the present day.

Randolph  
County

Rangers  
enlisted by  
by voluntary  
enlistment

Hopes the  
Executive  
will con-  
ceive him  
ousted of his  
right, &c.

THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Feb. 26th

Informing him that his favor of the 24th was received. He will make the offer to Mr. McCombe, of the stone on Cape Henry, but has no hopes of obtaining the price limited. If Mr. McCombe does not purchase it, his Excellency may count it a total loss. McCombe is now in New York, but he will write to him on the subject, and inform his Excellency of his answer, when received.

Norfolk  
Stone on  
Cape Henry  
to be offered  
to Mr. Mc-  
Combe

A. MERCER TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 1st

Stating that heretofore on account of his connection with Lady Mary Peyton, having interested himself in the misfortunes attending the estate of her late husband, Sir John Peyton, deceased, he was induced

Richmond



1791. to advise, devise, & solicit the passage of an act of the late session of assembly, entitled "An act for the better securing certain debts due & owing to the Commonwealth," and conceiving that that act authorized the property therein mentioned, being sold for Tobacco & certain paper facilities at their nominal value as affixed by the Revenue Laws of 1782 & 1783. That he submitted this opinion, as also the opinion of several members of the assembly, and also of Counsel eminent for legal knowledge concurring with him, as the Rule to be observed by the Commissioners under the said recited act, who themselves concurring in the same opinion, were on that account alone induced to undertake that disagreeable Task, & to advertize the sale of the Estates of s'd John Peyton, dec'd, & others in this recited act mentioned, on the terms as expressed in their printed advertisement to which he begs leave to refer his Excellency. He now being here on his way to the sale, understanding for the first time that doubts arise in the construction of the above-recited act, and it is questioned whether Tobacco at any price, or whether any paper facilities can be received in discharge of the Bonds at any other rates than at the Specie value. He is humbly of opinion that it is his duty to submit these doubts to his Excellency and the privy Council, & to request that they advise the Commissioners on that subject, that in case a mistake shall have arisen, the purchasers who may be induced to attend the proposed sale, may be apprised of the mistake as early as may be.

He further begs leave to submit to his Excellency, that should it be the opinion of the Honl. Executive that the said recited act cannot be carried into Execution by the Commissioners according to the obvious intention of the Legislature, whether it will not be just that the sale of the slaves ought to be postponed till the meeting of the General Assembly, and that the Executive will be pleased to advise the Commissioners on that point.

March 2d WILL. STEPTOE, TO LEIGHTON WOOD, Esq., SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

Sir,

Hewick Having the misfortune to serve under the command of a certain  
near Urbana Geo. Bird, the Commander-in-chief of the Middlesex militia, I do hereby  
Asking demand of you that you sett on foot an inquiry into the mode of appro-  
enquiry into priating the Fines paid by the Delinquents in the Corps under him, and  
the official the official  
conduct of George Bird do pledge myself to produce proof of misconduct disgraceful to an officer or an honest Man.

I am, Sir,

Your most ob't Serv't.

Act of Congress, passed Dec. 6th, 1790, and approved by Geo. Washington, President of the United States, M'ch 2d, 1791, to explain and amend an Act entitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the Debts of the United States." That the duty of one cent per pound laid by the act "making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States" on barr and other lead, shall be deemed and taken to extend to all manufactures wholly of lead, or in which lead is the chief article, which shall hereafter be brought into the United States from any foreign port or place.

1791.  
March 2d  
Philadelphia  
Act further  
providing  
for the pay-  
ment of the  
United  
States' debts

Further, that the duty of seven and a half per cent. ad valorem laid by the act aforesaid on chintzes and coloured calicoes, shall be deemed and taken to extend to all printed, stained, and coloured goods, or manufactures of cotton, or of linen, or of both, which shall hereafter be brought into the United States from any foreign port or place: Provided that nothing in this act shall in anywise affect the true construction or meaning of the act aforesaid in relation to any of the above-described articles brought into the United States before the passing of this act.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ.

March 4th

Sir,

Having received an order of Council informing that the Executive intends enquiring to-day the cause of the Solicitor's absence & state of his office, am induced to address your Excellency. In regard of the first, I can only assure you that had it been possible for me to have attended more punctual, I should have done it. But if, as I apprehend the case is now, that the Executive conceives the public's Interest will no longer admit of my absence, I shall endeavor to give proper attendance, & if impracticable will inform your Excellency. In regard to the situation of the office, I submit all enquiries on that subject to the pleasure of the Board, & in such manner as they chuse. Sensible of the indulgence already given,

Solicitor's  
office  
Cause of  
absence, &c.  
Enquiries in  
regard to the  
office left to  
the pleasure  
of the  
Board

I am respectfully, Sir,

Your Excellency's most ob. & very h'ble Serv't.

THOS. MADISON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

March 4th

Sir,

I send by Mr. Harvie the Tob'o notes which you delivered me with Directions either to sell, or to have transported to Richmond. It has been out of my Power to make any sale. Several who proposed & who

Botetourt  
Tobacco  
notes  
returned

1791. followed the Business from Lynch Burg of transporting Tob'o, have  
 March 4th disappointed me. I refer you to Mr. Harvie who can inform you of the  
 situation of the Tob'o.

Your mo. ob.

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March 5th CHRISTO. GREENUP, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF MERCER COUNTY, TO THE  
 GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Danville  
 Recomm-  
 endations  
 for militia  
 officers in  
 Mercer Co.

Inclosed is the Recommendation for several militia officers in Mercer  
 County for whom you will please to have Commissions forwarded.  
 Some of the Recommendations have been formerly sent, but no Com-  
 missions have arrived. You will also observe a Recommendation for a  
 magistrate who has not been Commissioned.

Attacks  
 expected  
 next spring

I can't close this Letter without observing *that* Recent accounts in-  
 forms us that the Indians appear in high spirits from our unfortunate  
 expedition last Fall, and menace us with attacks in the Spring, and I  
 rather expect they will infest us with predatory excursions, but can't  
 think they will come in large bodies. No mischief of consequence has  
 been done lately in our District.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's obed't Serv't.

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March 5th

COL. WM. DAVIES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Phila-  
 delphia  
 Treasury  
 receipt book,  
 &c., received  
 through Mr.  
 Pollock

Informing him that he has received a treasury receipt book & a few  
 of Woodlief's collection of vouchers, thro' the hands of Mr. Pollock.  
 The number of vouchers from some of the counties in Woodlief's dis-  
 trict, he thinks far short of what might be obtained. He must content  
 himself however with what he can get. An indisposition from which he  
 has not yet recovered, prevented him from an early communication of the  
 particular objects for inquiry in the Auditor's office. He has enclosed a  
 list of some particulars, which will probably be sufficient to direct to  
 the objects. To expedite the statement and forward the comparing of  
 the various vouchers, returns, and accounts, he will be obliged to have  
 occasional recourse to one or two assistants; but upon such reasonable  
 terms as shall not cost the state more than was allowed Mr Burnley  
 alone.

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO ———.

1791.

	4s. duty.	6s. duty.	March 7th
Thornley & Boon, Inspectors, Gibson's warehouse,	51, 11, 5,	76, 6, 5.	Auditor's
Pankey & Fowler, "      Rockey Ridge,		143, 9, 10.*	office

\*The inspectors have told the Auditor they had vouchers (for the drawbacks of this duty) sufficient to discharge that amount, but they've never been presented. Inspector's balances due

List balances due for the 4s. on Exports from Oct. '86, to Oct. '87, & for the additional 6s. within the same periods.

THOS. LEE, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

March 8th

Informing him that his letter of the 15th ulto. was received, but in-disposition in his family had from that time to the present, prevented him from forwarding the Bond, which he now enclosed. He had, how-ever, made enquiry of the Executors of the late Mr. William Carr, in what state the Business appears on his books; who informed him that little of what has been collected remains with his Estate—he having annually paid the rents collected to Mr. Bullit, who was the Commis-sioner on the part of the State to sell the confiscated property in this County. His Excellency will therefore see the necessity in the power transmitted him, to include that of settling with both commissioner and collector as expressed in the Bond. He expects to receive the necessary powers and instructions.

Dumfries

Bond forwarded

Mr. Bullit

*Note.*—The Bond above referred to, is given by Thos. Lee, Jr., with Bushood Washington & Rich'd Brent, his securities, in the sum of One Thousand pounds, current money of Virginia, for the faithful perform-ance of his duties as Collector of the rents due, or which hereafter may become due & payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia, from the Tenants of the lands commonly called Bristoe Lands; and also to settle with, and receive from the Commissioners and collectors of the rents heretofore received by them from the Tenants of said Lands, the re-spective sums and Balances in their hands, &c.

The bond

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 8th

Sir,

Finding by the tenth article of the late arrangement, the Solicitor is directed to take charge of the paper money Books, and "*to use all pos-sible expedition in adjusting every account contained therein;*" I am at a Richmond Solicitor's office

1791. loss to know whether under this expression is meant that the Solicitor should audit and pass the accounts exhibited by Individuals in discharge of what appears to their Debits on the Paper Money Books, therefore must entreat the favour of the Board of Council to say. However, to prevent delay, I have undertaken to do it in the case of Maj. James Quarles, who has presented the within account to shew the disbursements of £5,500, with which he is charged, altho' receipts are wanting for a number of articles; all such as appear I have marked & submit the consideration of this account to the Executive, praying their approbation should it be deemed proper to allow it on Maj. Quarles affidavit, which is subjoined.
- March 8th Paper money books Major Jas. Quarles' account
- The vouchers
- The vouchers that appear are for travelling expences for himself, Servant & Horses; some express particularly the nature of the Expences, such as Breakfasts, Dinners, Lodgings, &c., whilst some others are Receipts for Expences in gross.
- Maj. Quarles asserts he has Lieut. Thomas Quarles's Receipt for the £393, & Lient. Pointers Receipt for the £342 advanced them severally. I must likewise represent to your Excellency & Council, that the Entries of these two Sums to be made on the Books appear to be attended with considerable difficulty. Lt. Quarles attending, said, he settled an account in October, 1780, with the Auditors, and therein accounted for the £393; receiving at same time a warrant for the balance, amounting to £654, 18s, which warrant I find on the Auditor's Books, the 21st Octo., 1780, under the Army Head, so that these seems to be a great impropriety in charging it to him, altho' the account of particulars wherein the £393 ought to appear is not to be had. It may very probably be the same case with both Lient. Pointer & Mr. White, whose last Receipt is produced. This obliges me to request the favour of the Executives directions in what manner to make these Entries so as to be clear & explicit at a future day, & to prevent the trouble of any application hereafter to the Parties & yet to support the Commonwealth's claim against the Union for these expenditures,—many of which lie I fear, concealed from publick view from similar causes.
- Requests directions as to making these entries

With great respect, I am Sir,  
Your Excellency's Most obt. & very hbl. serv't.

March 8th

STE. SMITH, CLERK OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT.

Franklin Co. At a Court held and Continued for Franklin county, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1791. Present: Hugh James, John Smith, Swinfield Hill, Thomas Hale, John Hook, Benjamin Cook, Daniel Brown & David Barton, Gentlemen.

Ordered, that it be certified to the Executive that Thomas Arthur, one of the Justices of the Peace for this County, from his conduct heretofore, is by the Court thought to be of Infamous character. That he stands charged before the Hon'ble the District Court with Forgery, also for forging the name of George Turnbull, Gl., to a Certificate of the Proof of Notice to Thomas Levsey in a suit then Depending in the District Court; for which the Grand Jury of this County found a True Bill, from which charges this Court conceive his Character to be Infamous, and refuseth to set on the Bench of Justice with him; that he frequently Intercepts the Court in the Progress of the Business of the County by Taking a seat on the Bench.

A Copy of the order.

1791.  
March 8th  
Order of  
court  
Thomas  
Archer one  
of the  
Justices

HENRY TAZEWELL TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

March 8th

Sir,

Your letter of the 21st Feb'y, covering an act of the last Session of Assembly concerning a new Edition of the Laws, &c., was this day delivered me. I have no objection to undertake the execution of that Act as far as I am able, but fear the necessity which will soon force me to begin my circuit, will put it out of my power to enter upon that employment until the beginning of June.

Kings Mills  
New edition  
of the laws,  
&c.

I am, respectfully,  
Your ob't Serv't.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, SECRETARY OF STATE.

March 10th

Certifies that the Act hereunto annexed, entitled "An act for raising and adding another Regiment to the military Establishment of the United States, and for making farther Provision for the Protection of the Frontiers," is truly Copied from the Records of the Department of State. In testimony whereof, he has caused his Seal of office to be hereto affixed this Tenth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Philadelphia  
Act for  
raising an  
additional  
regiment for  
the United  
States

The Act above referred to was passed Dec. 6th, 1790, and approved by George Washington, President of the United States, March 3d, 1791, Providing for the raising of the above-mentioned Regiment, and the means of paying the same, &c., &c.

1791.

CUTH'T BULLITT TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Sir,

March 10th Upon the institution of the Suit by Mr. Graham and others against  
 Prince the Commonwealth for Bristoe's Lands in this County, the late Col.  
 William Foushee Tibbs and myself were authorized by the Assembly to receive  
 Bristoe's the rents arising from the Lands. Col. Tibbs, from his time of life, de-  
 lands clining to act personally, and my other business not permitting me, we  
 Wm. Carr, appointed the late Mr. William Carr and his partner, Mr. Chapman, of  
 and Mr. Dunfries, to do the business. We were lead to this measure by their  
 Chapman to do the punctuality and attention to business, but more especially as they were  
 business the then Agents of Mr. Bristoe. Tibbs and Chapman shortly died, and I  
 continued the business in the hands of Carr untill his unexpected death  
 which happened last fall. His Executors, from a circumstance that sel-  
 dom happens (his too great wealth), were prevented from qualifying to  
 his will untill our last court; and I have since applied to them, and  
 they have promised in a few days to deliver me the Rent-roll and his  
 account respecting this transaction. I shall then proceed to have the  
 arrears (where they are not paid without) distrained for, so as to be  
 able to get the business closed against the ensuing fall, when it will be  
 my wish to decline the Agency. My being better informed of the trans-  
 actions respecting this business than perhaps any other, is my motive  
 for proposing to Continue in office for the present year.

Tobacco in I wish the advice of your Excellency and the Hon'ble The Privy  
 Carr's Council, respecting the Tobacco in the hands of Carr's Executors. They  
 executor's are willing to pay it up, but I have declined, and shall decline receiving  
 hands it untill I am honoured with your answer. It has been received at dif-  
 ferent periods, and generally when of a much greater value than it is at  
 present. May it not be just that his Estate should account for it at the  
 value when received, and perhaps with Interest. I should have advised  
 you earlier of the state of this business, had I not waited for the account  
 and been deterred in some measure by a long and painful state of bad  
 health.

I have the honour to be, with very great esteem,

Your Excellency's most ob't, humble Servant.

March 10th SAM. A. OTIS, SECRETARY OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO  
 THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Secretary's Agreeably to the order of Congress, I do myself the honor to enclose  
 office your Excellency a copy of the Journals of Senate of the United States,  
 at their third session.

I shall thank you for a line acknowledging the receipt of the copy.

I have the honor to be, Your most obed't, Hum. Serv't.

JNO. HARVIE AND W. FOUSHEE, DIRECTORS OF THE JAMES RIVER COMPANY, TO THE GOVERNOR. 1791.

Sir,

The Directors of the James River Company having been Instructed to make the Purchase of negroes for the use of the Company, & wishing to comply therewith at a sale shortly to be made in the County of Gloucester, we have to request of your Excellency & the Hon'ble Board for such supply of money, or Tobacco at the present value, as will enable them to make the purchase, & whatever money or Tobacco is furnished, will be as so much in part of the requisitions & demands which the Directors have against the Public.

We shall be much obliged by an answer as soon as Convenient, and are

Your Excellency's most ob't Serv'ts.

JOHN BROCKENBROUGH TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH AND THE HONORABLE COUNCIL OF STATE. March 11th

Petition showing that he became security on the 24th day of July, 1789, to one Richard Lewman, for duties on rum imported on that day from Antigua in the Brigantine Jooma. That it appears by the judgment of the General Court, that bonds taken for duties after the 21st day of July, 1789, were illegal & not recoverable by Law; that it appears by an order of Council, dated July 6th, 1790, that all such bonds were directed to be delivered to the obligors. Now that those have been benefitted who have not paid up, their petitioner thinks it just & reasonable that he who showed an early disposition to pay, & actually did pay into the Solicitor's office the sum of £340, 6, 3d, Military Certificates, and also the sum of £143, 12s, 6d. specie, should have the sums refunded, the more especially, as their Petitioner was only security to the bonds, and the said Lewman went off without paying him, and has never returned, so that their Petitioner will lose that money out of his own pocket, unless relieved by the Executive.

Trusting to the justice, equity, & legality of his case, he doubts not but his Excellency & the Honorable Council will attend to the prayer of the Petition, and direct the money to be refunded agreeable to the vouchers.



1791. L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

March 14th Being requested by John Brockenbrough, Esq., to state to your  
 Richmond Excellency the nature of his demand against the Commonwealth, I  
 John Brock- take the liberty of doing it, & suggesting a Mode of retribution freed  
 enbrough's from the inconveniences of delay, expence, & trouble incident to judi-  
 claim cial proceedings, which he wishes if possible, to avoid. I find that  
 Bonds for Richard Lewman with Mr. Brockenbrough as security, entered into two  
 duties Bonds, the 24th of July, 1789, for Duties on Goods entered with the  
 Naval officer of Rappahannock, one for £320, payable in Certificates, &  
 the other for £165, p'ble in specie, or warrants admissible by Law. It  
 appears by Mr. Muse, the Naval officer's indorsement on the last men-  
 tioned Bond, that payment was made him the next day of £21, 7s, 6d.,  
 which left a balance of £143, 12s, 6d. These Bonds were then delivered  
 to me according to Law, & notices of Motions for Judgments were sent  
 Lewman not Mr. Brockenbrough, (Lewman the principal not being found), previous  
 found to the last June General Court, in consequence of which he attended &  
 paid £340, 6s, 3d. for principal & Interest of the Certificate Bond, &  
 £113, 15s, 5d. in part of the Balance due on the specie Bond, & on  
 promising shortly to pay the Balance, the Motions were dismissed. The  
 Court on a Motion for that purpose, gave opinion that Bonds taken  
 after the cessation of Duty Laws, were null & not demandable, fixing  
 the period to the 21st July, 1789, & in consequence, Bonds of that &  
 subsequent Dates not paid, were delivered up, the Balance of this specie  
 Bond has also been relinquished. But Mr. Brockenbrough wishes to be  
 refunded the amounts actually paid, without the necessity of a Motion  
 in Court against the Commonwealth, which I presume & hope that your  
 Excellency & Hon'ble Board of Council will likewise think may be af-  
 fected with propriety. I will beg leave to refer your Excellency to the  
 Laws on Drawbacks, passed in 1786 & 1787, where persons having paid  
 Duties & afterward proving their rights to Drawback according to form,  
 were entitled to receive the amount from the Treasury—Acts of 1786,  
 chap. 40, sect. 30, & 1787, Chap. 4, Sect. 60. It appears also (& I think  
 it's similar to the present case), from the 29th Chap. of 1787 & 2d Sect.,  
 that where Duties have been paid on Brandies, then remitted in certain  
 cases & proof thereof made to the Governor, the Importer was by the  
 Governor's directions, to receive from the Auditor, Warrants on the  
 Treasury—An instance of which I think once occurred with this altera-  
 tion—the Importer claimed retribution, but the Executive thought  
 proper not to direct the Auditor to issue warrants, but ordered one to  
 allow the amount as payment against a Bond of the Importer's then in  
 the office, altho' for Duties on a different importation. Mr. Brocken-  
 brough in this case requires not payment from the Treasury, but only  
 that the Auditor be directed to give him Warrants for the £340, 6s, 3d,

& the £135, 2s, 11d. actually paid the Naval officer & Solicitor, they having paid the same into the Treasury. Should your Excellency in consequence of this Statement, think proper to direct the issuing these Warrants, I am to request the favour of having the order sent to me, & am with all respect, Sir,

1791.

March 14th

Your Excellency's most obt. & very h'ble Serv't.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. March 15th

Sir,

Being not at the office on acco. of the weather yesterday, when I wrote your Excellency respecting Mr. Brockenbrough, I find on further enquiry I mistated a part of the case, in saying that Notices of Motions for Judgments were sent, which induced payment, &c. previous to the June General Court, whereas Notices were not sent, but Mr. Brockenbrough of his own accord attended & made payment. Whether this circumstance makes in favour of the claim or not I submit to your Excellency & Board.

Richmond  
Solicitor's  
office  
Brocken-  
brough's  
case  
Misstate-  
ment in  
above letter  
corrected

Being respectfully Sir,

Your Excellency's most obt. h'ble Serv't.

S. SHEPARD, CLERK IN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, TO THE GOVERNOR. March 18th

Sir,

Hearing from Mr. Blair that it was necessary for your Excellency & Honorable Board to be informed what kind of facilities Doctr. Brockenbrough paid on his Bond, am to inform your Excellency that the partial payment made on the Specie Bond was in Intrust Warrants or warrants of Equal value; the Certificate Bond was discharged in Military Certificates, which Certificates were actually paid into the Treasury. One circumstance attending the payment of this Bond recent in my mind is, that Doctr Brockenbrough tendered a Certificate large upwards of four hundred pounds, which I endeavored to get exchanged for smaller, by the Agent of the Sinking Fund, and offered at the same time to leave the amount of the Bond in his hands, provided he gave me Military Certificates sufficient to satisfy Doctr'r Brockenbrough for the overplus, which he could not do, but obtained the favour from some other person.

Richmond  
Solicitor's  
office

Brocken-  
brough's  
bonds

With great respect, I am Sir,

Your Excellency's obt. & very h'ble Serv't.

1791.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

March 21st It is inconvenient for some of the members to attend, who were formerly appointed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>, the Executive, to examine and burn the Paper money of the State, received into this office. I therefore beg leave to recommend the appointment of Mr. Edmund Lacy in addition, who can expedite the business very much, and of course save expence.

I am, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obt. Serv't.

March 23d

WM. J. VEREKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond I have received from Mr. Blair, a list of such documents as Colo. Davis thinks necessary towards the adjustment of the claims of this State's claim against the Union State against the Union, and intend waiting upon you next Friday for any instructions that you may be pleased to communicate on this business.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Y'r most obt. &amp; very hbl. Serv't.

March 25th

THOMAS NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLY RANDOLPH.

Norfolk  
Mr. McCombe's  
letter

Enclosing a Copy of a letter rec'd by him from Mr. McCombe, dated March 15, 1791, New York,—in regard to the purchase of the Stone belonging to the State, & now lying buried in the sand on Cape Henry. Mr. McCombe states that as he was on the Cape but a short time, and not being acquainted with the situation of the ground on which the Stone were laid, finds himself at a loss what proposal to make for it. There is no more sand on them than he was informed, they are well worth taking up, but the expence is uncertain, as it will depend on trial. He will attempt to get them up, and pay such a price for them as he can afford agreeable to their quality & quantity, deducting the expence of raising them. He says there are some persons here (New York), who will furnish him stone at a much lower rate than those were that are on the Cape, but if he can get them up at a price that will answer, he would prefer it, as it will facilitate the business. He will be glad to hear from him as soon as Convenient on the subject. Mr. Newton remarks that he thinks Mr. McCombe's offer very fair & would be glad to know His Excellency's sentiments. He thinks the experiment of a trial worth

**making.** If successful, the State will be the gainer, if not, the expense will not be great. Mr. McCombe will be the proper person to make it, as he will be much interested in succeeding, & will be at much less expense than any other person, having his own labourers on the spot. He thinks that if he would give 20s. per Ton for it after it is raised, it would be a good price. He has no idea of what it would cost to raise it, but if it were his, he should be for making a trial, & if he found it did not answer, would not go to any great expense, as the matter could soon be ascertained.

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Thinks the offer fair and the experiment worth trying

It is possible, that on trial, if Mr. McCombe should see a chance of getting the stone easier than is imagined, he might make an offer for the whole, as this is the only chance of making something out of it, he would not stand if he would give  $\frac{1}{2}$  or even  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cost of it, for now or never is the time to dispose of it. Should His Excellency be of his opinion, it will be necessary that he should have the power to agree with McCombe in relation to getting the stone up, or disposing of it at any price he may be able to obtain from him, as he expects he will be for proceeding rapidly with the building.

This the only chance to get something for it Would take one half, or even one quarter the cost of it

WILL. RUSSELL, CLERK, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 28th

Certifying that a meeting of the Directors of the Hospital for the maintenance and cure of Persons of unsound minds, held at said Hospital M<sup>ch</sup> 28, 1791.

Directors of Lunatic Hospital

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Hospital be directed to apply to the Executive for a Warrant from the Auditor of Public accounts upon the Treasurer of this State, for the sum of One Hundred pounds for the payment of the necessary out-houses to be built at the Hospital; and also for a warrant the further sum of three hundred pounds for the use of the said Hospital.

Apply for £100 for out houses to be built

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 28th

Sir,

There is a protested Bill of Exchange drawn by William Black, the 30th of November, 1773, for £150 sterling, and endorsed by the late Colo. Tayloe, remaining in the Treasury. This Protest appears to have been left by Ro. C. Nicholas, Esq., the former Treasurer, on the final adjustment of his accounts with the Public, as public property. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The Executive will be pleased to direct the steps necessary to be taken for securing the money to the Commonwealth.

Treasury Protected bill of exchange

I am, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obed. S<sup>rv</sup>t.

1791. JUDGES GEORGE MUTER, SAM'L McDOWELL, AND CALEB WALLACE TO  
BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

March 28th Danville The Representation of the Judges of the Supreme Court for the District of Kentucky, on behalf Mr. John Rogers, one of the Commissioners of the Tax for the County of Mercer, Respectfully sheweth: Petition in behalf of John Rogers That information having been given to the Receiver for the District that the said John Rogers has neglected to take in the Taxable property of several persons in that part of the County allotted to him—On which Fined £50 the Receiver moved against him for the Fine of Fifty pounds imposed by Law. The fact being proved, the Fine was accordingly assess'd in the Supreme Court.

We beg leave to Represent that it did not appear on the Trial, that the said John Rogers had wilfully incurred the Penalty aforesaid; That the Persons omitted in his list had but lately removed to the Country. From the upright and good character which the said Rogers has always supported, and his declaring solemnly that he did not know of the Persons so omitted, we are induced to recommend him to the Executive that (if not inconsistent with established rules) the said Fine may be remitted.

Recommended him that the fine be remitted

This Petition is accompanied by one from Jno. Rogers himself, setting forth the same facts as stated in the above, and praying that the Fine be remitted.

March 29th PETER SAUNDERS, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Franklin County

Copy of charges against Col. Thomas Arthur

I have Inclosed your Excellency a Copy of charges against Colo. Thomas Arthur, for which I have arrested him, and for Further Proceedings I shall Leave to your Determination. You will find also Inclosed the Record of the Court of this County against him. I shall be glad to know your Determination as to the Rest. A letter lodged with Mr. James Freeland, merchant in Manchester will be forwarded by him to you

Huml. Serv't.

February 25th, 1791.

Sir,

Arthur arrested The charges

You will take Notice that you are arrested as an officer of the militia of this County for the following charges, viz: For forging the hand John Gipson to a warrant to Turn Conroad Harterider Out of Possession in January, 1788. Also for Being Concerned and assisting in forging an order from Sarah Grayham to the Sheriff of Franklin

County to pay the same to George Asberry; also for forging the hand of Thomas Prunty to Certain Receipts for the payment of a certain sum of money to the amount £3, 0s, 7½d. dated the 20th of January, 1788; also for forging the hand of George Turnbull, Esquire; also for suppos'd Forgery in making Oath before the Judges of the District Court at New London in April, 1790, that Isaac Rentire was not able to attend as a witness in your suit & Thomas Linsay's; also for a charge alledged against you for Bearing false witness in the suit of Mrs. Guthery against Hugh Innes; also a charge of Drawing a larger sum of money out of the Treasury when in the Assembly than you was entitled to, and for lying and not conducting yourself as an officer of the Militia.

Given under my hand the Day & year above written.

PETER SAUNDERS, County Lieutenant.

GEORGE MUTER AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 29th

George Muter, Sam'l McDowell, and Caleb Wallace, Judges of the Supreme court for the District of Kentuekey, to his excellency the Governor and the Hon. Privy Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We, the Judges of the Supreme Court for the District of Kentucky, Beg leave to recommend Andrew Beagle, convicted of Horse-stealing at the March Term, 1791, for *Mercy* for the reasons following:

1st. That we were not well satisfied that the testimony produced against him was sufficient.

2ndly. That he is very young, and possess'd of a degree of understanding but little remov'd from Idiotism.

Andrew Beagle convicted of horse stealing Recommended to Mercy Almost an idiot

We have the honour to be,  
Your Excellency's and Honours' most obedient, humble Servants.

JOHN WOODSON TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

March 30th

Stating that Mr. Ben. Hatcher showed him at Cumberland Court on yesterday, a letter received from Manchester, informing him that since his departure from Manchester his boy, Bob, had been discovered to be a partner in a felonious act in Manchester, and from the circumstances, as they appear to him, he must be by the Law Condemned. He takes the liberty at this early day to recommend the boy as an object of mercy, should the case be as above supposed. He is young, and has heretofore conducted himself as a trusty and valuable servant. These circumstances, added to the probability that some older villian has lead him

Mr. Ben. Hatcher  
Boy Bob discovered in a felony

1791. into this act, induces him to mention the subject to his Excellency. No  
 March 30th information as to the boy's character warrants his interference, 'tis his  
 Known him knowledge of him from his birth. His master, Mr. Hatcher, will doubt-  
 from his less make every proper effort in his power with the Executive to pro-  
 birth cure the redemption of this creature's life, should he be condemned by  
 the County Court—which he hopes he may obtain, should the reasons  
 appear to his Excellency as he trusts they will.

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March 30th ROBERT GRAHAM, CLERK OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COURT TO THE  
 GOVERNOR.

Justices of the peace recom- Certifying, that the Court at its September, 1790 term, ordered Philip  
 mended Fitzhugh, John Brown, Scott Blackburn, William Downman, Charles  
 Tyler, John Brown, (B. R.) and Charles Ewell, Gentlemen, be recom-  
 mended to the Executive, as proper persons to execute the duties of Jus-  
 tices of the peace in this County. Enclosing also a list of Justices in  
 the Commission of the Peace, for the County of Prince William, & cer-  
 tifying the Days Each were present in Court from August 1789 to  
 August 1790 inclusive, viz: Howson Hooe, declines acting; Wm. Tebbs,  
 15 days, declines acting; Thos. Lawson, declines acting; Wm. Carr, 12  
 days, Dead; John Hooe, 3 d'ys, declines acting; Lynaugh Helm, Dead;  
 Wm. Alexander, declines acting; Jesse Ewell, 24 days; Richard Gra-  
 ham, 18 d'ys; James Ewell, 4 d'ys; Jno. McMillian, declines acting;  
 John Tyler, Dead; Alexander Brown, 14 d'ys, Sheriff; Burr Harrison,  
 Dead; Arthur Lee, lives out of the County; George Graham, 11 d's;  
 Alexander Lithgow, 40 d's; Matthew Harrison, 22 d'ys; Wm. Linton,  
 Inspector; Robert Brown, Removed to Fauquier; Val. Peyton, Dead;  
 Bernard Hooe, 20 d'ys; John Pope, 4 p'ys; Wm. Edw'd Wiatt, Removed;  
 Thomas Montgomerie, Alexander Henderson & Rev. Spence Grayson,  
 decline qualifying; Rev. Thos. Harrison, 10 d'ys; Henry Washington, 3  
 d'ys; Robert H. Hooe, 1 day; W. Y. Tebbs, 37 d'ys; John Macrae, 5  
 d'ys; Thos. Lee, Sen'r, 38 d'ys.

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March 31st

W. & S. WILLINK TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Amsterdam We beg leave to address your Excellency under the auspices of Mr.  
 Mr. Short, charge des affaires of the United States in Paris, after a conver-  
 sation, we got with him on the subject of loans, we desired him to inform  
 us whether the State of Virginia could not employ money to advantage, so  
 as to our knowledge Some objects in other States wanted to be carried  
 on, to which purpose it was in deliberation of borrowing a sum of money

here. He encouraged us to write to your Excellency and to inform him of the probability of succeeding, in case your State might wish to borrow for some purpose or other; we take in consequence the liberty to offer our sentiments on this subject, that the increasing credit for America, gives the highest degree of probability for succeeding in it, provided the Terms are acceptable, that on the security of the money lenders, some objects, be it duties or taxes, are engaged sufficient to pay the Interest and discharge the principal in Time, which periods may be stipulated according to the desire and conveniency of your State, the Interest at 5 pr. Ct. pr. Ann'm. The charges of borrowing want to be deducted from the borrowed sum, viz: the premiums to y'r undertakers, the brokeridges, bonds, Seals or Stamps, Notary, Commission to the house, will amount together once at 1½ pr. Ct., and 1 pr. C. Comm'n of the Interest, which is yearly paid, and ¼ Comm'n of the Capital when discharged. In case of any application, your Excellency will be conscious that a power of Attorney in due form and Legalised by our Consul, is required. Tho' your State may not be disposed to borrow, we flatter ourselves your Excellency will give a favorable interpretation to our intentions, and be convinced of our desire of becoming usefull to your State, in serving their Interest with equal zeal & attention, as we always performed for Congress, our House being sufficiently known in Phil., New York, Baltimore. We beg leave to refer you to the first characters for any information on our acct.

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March 31st

The charges

Their  
reference

We have the honor to be with respectfull esteem, Sir,  
Your Excellency's most obedient and Humble Servants.

The following enclosed letter from Mr. W. Short to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia, referred to in the foregoing communication is dated Amsterdam, March 8th, 1791, and is in these words, to-wit:

Mr. Short's  
letter

Sir,

The house of Mers. W. & S. Willink of this city wish to be made known to you on account of some proposals they intend submitting for obtaining money on loan here for the State of Virginia. I am not acquainted with the particulars of their proposals, nor can I conjecture whether the State of Virginia will be disposed to make use of this resource. The object of my letter, therefore, is merely to inform you that the house which will make you these proposals is considered among the richest & best accredited in this city, & is one of the two which is employed here for making the loans of the United States. Whether the system which this house may propose be adopted or not, it cannot but be agreeable to receive this proof of the favorable light in which the

House of W.  
& S. Willink  
Considered  
among the  
richest and  
best  
accredited in  
this city



1791. credit of the State is viewed in a place of which the opinion is considered  
 March 31st as the best thermometer of the credit of all foreign countries. In  
 addition to this motive for troubling you with the present letter, I feel  
 another also in the opportunity it affords me of renewing assurances of  
 those sentiments of attachment & respect, with which I have the honor  
 to be,

Sir, Your most obedient & most humble Servant.

April 2d BRIGADIER-GENERAL CHS. SCOTT TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

I have the Honour to inform your Excellency that about the 22d  
 of March last, a Boat going up the Ohio, about forty or fifty miles above  
 Lexington Limestone, with fourteen Men on board and twenty-one on shore as an  
 Boat going Escort, was attacked, and eighteen of the party on shore killed dead on  
 up the Ohio the spot, and one killed and two wounded in the Boat. Four days after,  
 two large Boats coming down were taken at the same place. The In-  
 dians after plundering the first Boat, which was manned entirely by  
 Frenchmen, and killing the owner, put the rest of the Hands on board  
 their own boat, took away the oars and set her adrift. She arrived at  
 Limestone and was there taken up. Every person on board the other  
 Boat was put to death. Several other Boats have been attacked, & by  
 their gallant defence have escaped. The bravery of a Capt. Hubbles,  
 late of the Continental army, exceeds anything we have heard of lately.  
 The boat on which Capt. Hubbles was, carried but nine Men; of these,  
 three were killed and four desperately wounded, and four out of six of  
 the attack the Horses on board were killed. The Indians made their attack on  
 board two large canoes carrying twenty-five men each, with such ardour  
 and pressed so briskly that the few remaining hands were reduced to  
 the necessity of defending themselves by throwing billets of wood. The  
 Indians were finally repulsed, but immediately took another Boat with-  
 out the fire of a single gun. About the same time, they drove in the  
 Guards at two posts which I established on Licking—the one near the  
 Iron Works, the other at the forks of Licking. The day before yester-  
 day two Men were killed and several horses taken near Frankfort, and  
 Great sign of Indians on all the frontiers great sign of Indians is seen on every part of the Frontiers.

The depredations committed on the River Ohio, together with appli-  
 cations from the County Lieutenants of Mason and Bourbon, has in-  
 duced me to call into service five hundred and fifty rank and file; three  
 hundred and thirty of whom are yet out, the remainder have returned—  
 some after three, the others after four days' service, without meeting  
 with any Indians.

Col. Orr, who commands the party out, will I hope be more success-  
 ful. His rout is up the River Ohio. In the course of this Business, I

have been obliged to employ Expresses, but to no considerable amount; a particular account of which I will transmit as soon as Col. Orr returns, which I hope and trust will meet with your Excellency's approbation. 1791.  
April 2d

The Hon'ble John Brown arrived here the day before yesterday from Philadelphia with orders from the Secretary of War to discontinue our temporary defence under the state Government—Congress having taken effectual measures for that purpose. The federal regulations will take place on the first day of May next, when the tour of the Guards at present out, will expire. I will take the earliest opportunity to transmit accurately the amount of the whole expence; by which time I shall be able to make you an exact return of the Strength of the militia of the district. Hon. John Brown  
Strength of the Militia

I have the Honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient and humble Servant.

THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH. April 3d

Stating that his favor, with the act of Council of the 30th ult., was received, and he had written to Mr. McCombe on the subject, with the request for a speedy answer. He also requested him to make an offer for the stone as it lies. He could have wished the Executive had allowed a small sum to make the experiment of getting out the stone, as it would have encouraged the undertaking. Norfolk  
Mr. McCombe Requested to make an offer for the stone

JOHN BECKLEY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. April 4th

Sir,  
In obedience to an Order of the House of Representatives of the United States, I transmit two copies of the Journal of the proceedings of that House, during the late Session of Congress, for the use of the Supreme Executive and Legislature of the State over which you preside, Philadelphia  
Transmitting two copies of the Journal of the House

And have the honor to be with due consideration, Sir,  
Your most obedient and very humble Servant.

CUTH BULLIT TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. April 4th

Sir,  
I have been honoured with yours of the 19th March last, which I should have answered at an earlier period, but for the following circumstance. The Resolution of the Assembly, (a copy of which I enclose), Vermont

1791. with some other important papers respecting the business, were in the possession of Col. Tebbs at his death, and I spoke to his son (the Exr.,) to deliver them to me. This was neglected, and when I called on him for them was surprised to receive for answer that he had delivered the whole to Capt. Carr, whose daughter he has married since the death of his father. I have obtained a copy of Carr's acct. in part, viz: from 1785, inclusive, & am sorry to find it very defective, & am promised a copy of the preceding acct., from Chapman's Ex'rs, who are the same persons, shortly both of which I shall deliver to Mr. Lee, whenever he will do me the favour to call on me, with all the information I am master of, and with full power from me, (should it be thought necessary), to proceed in the business. Unable from the situation of my health to act myself, my friend, the Hon<sup>l</sup> Mr. Pope, had undertaken to do it for me, but as his motive was friendship only, he is happy in being discharged, and I have taken the earliest opportunity of informing Mr. Lee that he is to proceed under your Excellency's commission.

April 4th  
Papers in  
Col. Tebbs  
possession at  
his death

Commissions

I must refer your Excellency to my former letter respecting what ought to be received, & whether with, or without Interest; and further, I wish to be informed what commission should be allowed Mr. Carr's representatives, he having charged 10 p'r Ct.

I am, with very great respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient Humble Servant.

In the House of Delegates,  
Thursday, 21st of June, 1781.

Resolved, the Commissioners of Escheated property in the county of Prince William, be directed, not to confirm the Sales of the Estate of Robert Bristow, a British subject, unless they are bound by Law to do it. Resolved, that the said Commissioners do in the meantime receive the profits of the said Estate, and account annually therefor, at the Treasury office; the acct's of the said profits being first audited.

Resolutions of Assembly passed in 1781  
Robert Bristow's estate

June 22d, 1781, Agr'd to by the Senate.

W. DREW, C. S.

Teste:

JOHN BECKLEY, C. H. D.

April 4th

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Council  
office

Upon application of Major Langham, I have as usual examined the accounts from the Post at the Point of Fork for the last quarter ending

March 31st, 1791, and find the amount of the Pay-roll for the Guard to be seventy-two pounds, twelve shillings, & the balance due the Superintendent and artificers to be £235, 17s, 6d. April 4th

There appears from an account of cash received and expended, to be a balance in the hands of Major Langham of twelve pounds, seven shillings & four pence for Contingent Expenses at the Post, which, he says, will be necessary to discharge some claims against him for building an office. Quarterly accounts from Point of Fork examined

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your ob. Servant.

WM. CLAIBORNE TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, ESQ. April 5th

Sir,

Trusting that the enclosed memorandum of a settlement made with Mr. H. Randolph, then one of the auditors of public accounts, will, in the opinion of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Executive, supersede the necessity of applying elsewhere for a liquidation of my accounts against the State, I have taken the Liberty to transmit it to you. Memorandum of a settlement made with Mr. H. Randolph, then one of the auditors

Your Excellency will be pleased to lay it before the Board so soon as they meet. I was lucky enough to find it a few days ago in searching over some papers which had been laid aside several years.

I have the honor to be, with highest respect, Sir,  
Y<sup>r</sup> mo. ob<sup>t</sup>, h<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Certificate from A. Blair, C. C., Nov, 8th, 1790.—I do certify that Mr. William Claiborne was appointed in the year 1780, by the Executive, to purchase horses for the Continental Army, & to grant certificates to the Owners for ye value of the said horses. This is from memory—the books of that date being destroyed by the Enemy. Wm. Claiborne appointed in 1780, to purchase horses, &c.

Alex<sup>r</sup> Moseley, clerk of Norfolk Court, Norfolk Borough: April 7th

At a quarterly session Court held the 28 day of March, 1791—On the application of Sarah Hutchings, relict of Colo. Joseph Hutchings, dec'd, a pensioner of this State, It appears to the Satisfaction of the Court that she is Intitled to the Pension of Seventy-five Pounds agreeable to a List of Pensioners transmitted by the Executive. It is ordered the same be Certifyed to the Auditor of Public Accounts. Norfolk borough Sarah Hutchings Pension

1791. Sir,  
 April 7th Please Issue Warrant for the above Seventy-five Pounds to Edward Valentine, and oblige,

Yours, &c.,

SARAH HUTCHINGS.

7 Ap'l, 1791.

To John Pendleton, Esq.

Teste:

JOSEPH HUTCHINGS.

April 8th

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Thinks his  
 accounts  
 were taken  
 from the  
 Auditor by  
 the Assem-  
 bly, and  
 referred to  
 the Execu-  
 tive

I am of opinion that the assembly took my acc'ts against the public out of the hands of the Auditor, & refer'd it to your hon'ble Board for adjustment; therefore, they come now properly before your Honors, & not before the Auditor.

If the Auditor can shew a receipt in full for amount of the Due-Bill, let him do so, & the Business is at an End. But if this cannot be done, I hope & trust, & I do not Doubt, but your Hon'ble Board will do me that Justice which I am entitled to, & which has been so long withheld from me.

I Conceive that your Honors have a right to call upon the Auditor for any papers he may have respecting my claim; But I conceive also that *his opinion* ought not, & indeed I am certain it will not, Govern your Hon'ble Board in the settlement, as I do not expect from prejudices that his opinion will be favourable to me.

I have the honor to be,

Y'r Exce'l'y's mo. ob't & h'ble Se'v't.

April 9th

JAMES BRISON, PROTHONOTARY OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,  
 TO THOS. MIFFLIN, ESQ., GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Sir,

Pittsburgh  
 Packet  
 received

This morning I had the honor of receiving the Packet, containing your Excellency's Letter and Proclamation for apprehending the Perpetrators of the murder of the Indians at Beaver Creek. I inclose the depositions of William Wilson and John Hillman, who were at the Block House, on the East side of Beaver creek at the time the murder was committed on the opposite side. Mr. Wilson has been a settler

here for many years and is a man of property and very good Character. Hillman is a decent sober young man, the son of a Farmer, who lived near the Block House, on the Bank of Ohio. The committing of this murder, with other alarms, which were very frequent on the frontiers, occasioned such confusion as prevented every person, I believe, from thinking of having Inquisitions taken on the Dead Bodies of the Indians.

1791.

Depositions  
of Wm.  
Wilson and  
John Hill-  
man

The Coroner of our County has removed and settled in the County of Fayette. I shall, however, send him the Packet addressed to him which came by express.

County  
Coroner has  
removed

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant.

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JOSEPH HORNSBY TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

April 10th

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 6th Inst. came safe to hand; Mr. Thomas Dawson will deliver this to your Excellency, & to him I wish the two hundred pounds to be delivered for the use of the Lunatic Hospital in part of the order of the Court of Directors for the said Hospital which I had the honor to deliver you the 2d Inst.

Williams-  
burg

Mr. Thos.  
Dawson  
to receive  
the £200 for  
Lunatic  
Hospital

I have the honor to be, with much Esteem,

Your Excellency's most obed. Serv't.

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DAVID ROSS TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 10th

Sir,

From a report which has prevailed for some time past from our Western Country, I feel myself so far interested as to take the liberty of addressing you in behalf of myself and some other Gent. concerned in the purchase of Lands from the State of Georgia, in the Western Territory of that Government. 'Tis said that a number of Arm'd men are collecting in Kentucky, to take possession of the Bent of the Tennesse, and another comp'y to take possession of the Lands near the mouth of the Yazoos River. I know nothing of these operation but from common Report, and am ignorant of their extent, and I should not presume to trouble you, but that I am told a Mr. O. Fallon, a principal actor, calls himself the Agent of the three Companys who purchas'd Land from Georgia; this induces me to enter into a short explanation of these Companies.

Richmond

Lands  
purchased  
from the  
state of  
Georgia

Mr. O'Fallon

1791. Some time ago a purchase was made from the State of Georgia by private adventurers. They compose three companies designated by the names of the Virginia, So. Carolina and Tenassie Companies; of the former I am a member and perfectly acquainted with every movement, and 'tis upon that Ground that I lay before you the following Facts which I pledge myself to support.

That the three Companies purchased Lands from the State of Georgia, and each purchase delineated by certain boundarys. That the Companies are distinct & independent, the one of the other. I know nothing of the operations of the other two Companies, but am certain the Virginia Company have neither directly or indirectly, either concern or even knowledge of the settlements making or intended to be made just now in that Country but from common report. The Virginia Company in every step they have taken or mean to take, are govern'd by Law and good order. So far from their attempting to settle the Lands purchased, they have expressly forbidden any person settling within their bounds, as 'twas, and is their first plan and determination—first to complete their payments to the State for the Lands purch'd; next to quiet the Indian claims agreeably to Law, and to have the permission and approbation of the General Govern't for the settlement, and that the first Emigrants shall be accompanied with civil & Militia officers Legally appointed.

I have presumed to write this letter to prevent any misrepresentations which might arise from distant and imperfect communications, and I will not trouble you further than to assert that every member of the Virginia Company in the pursuit of what they may deem for the interest of themselves and their posterity, will never loose sight of the prosperity of their Country, and will not be induced by any temptation to adopt measures which may be derogatory to the dignity of the Government, or tend to disturb the publick's tranquility.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Your most humble Servant.

April 12th

WM. J. VEREKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Agreeable to your direction yesterday, Capt. Denholm and myself have engaged Mr. Samuel Tinsley & Mr. Turner Richardson to assist us in the present business, who have entered thereon, & we expect to get another to-morrow, which we hope will be sufficient to complete the business by the time required, & beg leave to mention that no exertions on our part shall be wanting.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with Respect,  
Your mo. ob't & very H'ble Serv't.

Samuel  
Tinsley, and  
Turner  
Richardson  
engaged to  
assist them  
in the  
present  
business

JOHN S. WILLS TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

1791.

Informing him that he had this moment received his letter of the 6th instant, respecting his undertaking the collection of the taxes for the county of Isle of Wight for 1788 & 1789. Since he had the pleasure of seeing his Excellency, at which time he had some thoughts of undertaking the collection of those taxes, his business has taken such a turn as to prevent him from undertaking it.

April 15th  
Isle of  
Wight  
Collecting of  
taxes for  
1788-9

He returns thanks to his Excellency and the Honorable Council for the offer of the appointment. He will however endeavor to procure a proper person to undertake this business, and get him recommended by the Court.

Will  
endeavor to  
procure  
some person,  
&c.

It will be necessary for him to be informed what time will be given to the person undertaking the collection, as it will depend much on the time to be given, to induce a person to undertake it.

DAVID SHEPARD, LIEUTENANT OF OHIO COUNTY, TO THOS. MIFFLIN, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

April 21st

Sir,

Having the honor of acting as County Lieutenant of the County of Ohio, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, I feel myself anxious that the County should have (as it covers a large part of the frontiers) every protection that Possibly can be given by government, and from the Hostile dispositions that we have discovered among the Indians, during the last winter and spring, we are all sensible that our lives and Property have been, and are at present in the greatest danger, I have therefore agreeably to the authority vested in me, at different times, called out a number of men to act as scouts and Rangers on the western side of the Ohio River, in order that we might have a knowledge of the Indians coming upon us, and have an opportunity of making the small defence that our situation would admit of. About the first of March last, a number of Indians came down to the Banks of the Ohio River, in the Western Territory, and killed in the most cruel manner four of our Citizens, and took two prisoners, and a short time before having taken a great number of skins and furs from a party of our men, who went a few miles over the Ohio, only with a view of hunting.

Ohio Co.

Hostile dis-  
position of  
the Indians

Four citizens  
killed about  
1st March  
last

I thought at that time it was necessary to send out a small party in order to prevent those Indians from doing any further mischief; this party I sent out discovered the track of the Indians but a small distance from where they committed the murder; their Track they pursued to, and in the State of Pennsylvania, in Allegany County, on Beaver Creek, where

Indians  
pursued into  
Pennsyl-  
vania



1791. coming up with those Savages, they Conceived themselves Justified in  
 April 21st destroying the Perpetrators of so atrocious an act, which our own safety  
 rendered necessary, and neither Justice nor humanity forbid them doing.  
 I trouble you, Sir, at present with this information, because I have discovered by your Proclamation, that you have offered one thousand Dollars to any person who will apprehend and Prosecute to conviction, the persons who killed those Savages on Beaver Creek. I have the greatest respect for the State of Pennsylvania, and Lament extremely that their Chief Magistrate has not that true information of the Situation of this Western Country, which is necessary to render us protection from the Savages, and to establish harmony and peace between the Citizens of the two States. The information given in this instance, which by  
 Information certainly false your proclamation you say is authentic, is most certainly false, so far as our people attacked them, as you say, without provocation, or that the Indians were Peaceable or friendly. I appeal to any of the Citizens of your State, in the neighboring Counties, except a few individuals who live in or near to Pittsburgh, who, have I been informed, given you this false information, their names are well known, for they have rendered themselves infamous in the opinion of every man who is a friend to his Country, by carrying on a mean and pitifull trade with those Savages, which has furnished them with the means of Committing every act of violence and brutality on the People of this County, which their savage dispositions could invent. And this I know is not only the case at present, but those persons I allude to have always, and particularly in times of Danger, supplied the Indians with arms and ammunition, and have by every other means that has been in their power, encouraged them to commit every act of violence upon us. If your Legislature has never interfered in this business, it is time they should, if they have any regard for the People in the frontier Counties in this State.

Trading and furnishing them arms in times of danger  
 I have further to observe, that as some of the men in this expedition live in your State, and who went out voluntarily to our assistance, that I am sorry to find that you have no other means for apprehending them but those you have made use of. As for the Citizens of this State that were in the expedition, I have to inform you that the County considers they are under the greatest obligations to them for their services on that particular occasion. We have enjoyed more Peace since those Indians were killed, than we have had before for a Long time. But, Sir, if any of our Citizens have committed an act of violence in your State, I should conceive it much more consistent with your honor and dignity to apply to our Executive, who is authorized if his discretion so directs him to deliver them up to you. The result of this, I hope, will be that you will destroy the effect of your Proclamation by a further proclamation, and suffer not those men who deserve the highest credit for their conduct, to be stigmatized by having a reward offered for their persons.

Hopes he will destroy the effects of the proclamation by another  
 I am, Sir, with the greatest respect,  
 Your most obedient, humble Servant.

## CERTIFICATE OF THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1791.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

To all whom these presents shall come greeting:

April 22d

Philadelphia

Know ye, that Alexander James Dallas, whose name is subscribed to the Certificates accompanying the annexed several affidavits of William Wilson, and John Hillman, is Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that John Johnston, before whom the said affidavits were taken, and whose name in testimony whereof is subscribed to the original affidavits, of which the papers annexed are copies, was at the time of taking thereof, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Alleghany, in the said Commonwealth, duly appointed and commissioned. And full faith and credit is, as ought to be given to them, the said Alexander James Dallas, and John Johnston accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty-second day April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-one, and of the Commonwealth, the fifteenth.

(Seal.) THO. MIFFLIN.

Attest:

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

Alleghany County—ss:

Personally came before me, John Johnston, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace in, and for the County of Alleghany, the subscriber William Wilson, who being duly sworn according to Law, Deposeth and saith:

April 22d

Affidavit of  
Wm. Will-  
sonRespecting  
the murder  
of Indians on  
Big Beaver  
creek

That on the ninth day of March last, the deponent being at a Block House on the East side of Big Beaver Creek, saw twenty-five armed white men on the other side of the Creek, opposite to the Block House, attack twelve Delaware Indians, of whom seven were men, three women, and two boys, the Greater part of them much intoxicated with Liquor; three of the men and one woman were killed; that after the firing had ceased, and they had stripped and plundered the dead Indians and took what property they could find, consisting of nine Horses, three Rifle Guns, the Goods which they had purchased with twenty seven Bucks and some other articles, the Deponent called over the Creek to them, and asked who commanded the party. They answered that each man was his own commander; that they then desired him to come over the Creek and speak with them, which he declined, not thinking it safe, but asked if Captain Samuel Brady was one of the party. Some one answered that he was not, and still insisted that the deponent should go over to them. He then told them if Captain Samuel Brady was there, he would go down to the Creek and speak with

1791. him, but with no one else of their party. Captain Brady then spoke,  
 April 22 and desired the deponent to come to the Creek side and he should not  
 be hurt. The deponent then went to the Bank of the Creek, and two  
 men advanced to the opposite Shore, whom he found to be Captain  
 Capt. Samuel Samuel Brady, and Captain Francis McGuire, both inhabitants of Ohio  
 Capt. Francis McGuire County, in the State of Virginia, near the month of Buffalo Creek.  
 They asked the deponent who these Indians were. He told them that  
 they were Delawares. McGuire said that they had followed the tracts  
 of Indians from opposite the mouth of Buffalo Creek, (where they had  
 killed a family,) to the waters of Musking-run, but that the heavy rains  
 had defaced their Tracts so that they could not follow them with cer-  
 tainty, but that they seemed to turn or Lean towards that place. The  
 deponent told them that it was not Possible that they could be the same  
 Indians that they had followed; that he knew those Indians well, and  
 was convinced that they were innocent; that they had hunted at the  
 Salt Lakes the last summer and fall; that two of them belonged to the  
 Moravian Society, that the deponent had employed them to go to the  
 Salt Lakes on Beaver Creek with their own horses and some of his, to  
 bring in a quantity of Peltry belonging to a Delaware man called John  
 Letart and some of his relations, which service they had faithfully per-  
 formed, and returned to that place, the Block house, a few days before,  
 where they had remained, untill the time the murder was committed.  
 Captain McGuire said that if these people had not done any mischief to  
 them, yet others had, and they were all alike. He desired the deponent  
 to leave that place immediately, which he did as soon as possible he could.  
 The deponent asked Captain McGuire how many of the Indians were  
 killed. He said four or five. Late of the same evening, one of the  
 Indian Boys came Back to the place where the other Indians were  
 killed, and called to the deponent to bring him over the Creek, but the  
 deponent having sent his canoes away, was obliged to leave the Boy  
 there untill the next morning, when he brought him over and conveyed  
 him safely to Pittsburgh, where he now remains. That the next day  
 after the murder was done, the deponent with some hired men, went  
 over the Creek from the Block House, collected the Dead Bodies of the  
 Indians, brought them over and buried them near the Block House.

WM. WILSON.

Sworn and subscribed the 9th day of April, 1791, before me.

JOHN JOHNSTON.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, perfect, and entire affi-  
 davit of William Wilson, filed with the Records of the Executive  
 Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

Secretary's office,

Philadelphia, 22d April, 1791.

Alleghany County, ss.:

Personally came before me, John Johnston, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Alleghany, the subscriber John Hillman, who being sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that on the ninth day of March last, he was in a Block House near the falls of Big Beaver Creek, where Mr. William Wilson of Pittsburg was then living, that he saw a party of white men about twenty-five in number, five or twelve Indians, who had come to that place to trade; that as soon as the firing commenced, Mr. Wilson the deponent, and three other men who were present, rushed instantly to the door, Mr. Wilson called aloud and begged them not to kill those Indians, that they were civil, innocent people, to which he did not hear any reply, nor could not have heard if reply had been made at that time. The firing of Guns, the shouts of the white men, and the screams of the Indians, was all that could be heard. The deponent heard the Indians frequently cry out that they were Delawares. Four of the Indians were killed in his sight. He also saw the white men strip and plunder the dead Indians, and take away nine horses, with sundry other effects belonging to those Indians. That some time after the men had left the ground, Mr. Wilson the deponent, and the other men that were at the Block House, went over the Creek to examine how many of the Indians were killed. That they found four killed, three men and one woman, and that he saw the trail of Blood in two places, where they had made up the hill from the Creek, which he supposes was made by wounded Indians.

1791.  
April 22d  
Affidavit of  
John  
Hillman

his  
JOHN X HILLMAN.  
mark

Sworn and subscribed the 9th day of April, 1791, before me.

JOHN JOHNSTON.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, perfect, and entire copy of the affidavit of John Hillman filed among the Records of the Executive Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

Secretary's office,

Philad'a, 22d April, 1791.

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JOHN NICHOLAS, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, TO THE EXECUTIVE. April 22d

Certifying that Thomas Thomas, otherwise called John Fowler, late of the County of Louisa, labourer, who stands convicted of horse-Charlotteville

1791. stealing, was again led to the bar in the custody of the keeper of the  
 April 22d jail of this district, and being asked if any thing he had or knew to  
 Thomas say why the court should not proceed to judgment and execution  
 otherwise against him, he said that he had nothing but what he had before said.  
 called John It is therefore ordered by the court that he be hanged by the neck  
 Fowler untill he be dead, on Friday, the 27th day of May next, between the  
 hours of ten in the forenoon and two in the afternoon in the same day,  
 at the usual place of Execution.

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April 23d THOMAS MIFFLIN, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BEVERLEY RAN-  
 DOLPH, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Phila- I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency, authenticated  
 delphia Copies of the depositions of William Wilson and John Hillman; from  
 Copies of which it appears that on the ninth of March last, several Indians  
 deposition of peaceably assembled for the purposes of trade on Beaver Creek, within  
 Wm. Wilson the territory of Pennsylvania, were attacked by a Body of armed men,  
 and John Hillman and four of their number inhumanly murdered. Samuel Brady and  
 Francis McGuire are the only offenders on this occasion, whose names  
 have yet been discovered; and as they have fled from Justice into the  
 State of Virginia, I am under the necessity of requesting that agreeably  
 to the provision of the second section of the fourth Article of the Con-  
 stitution of the United States, your Excellency will be pleased to direct  
 the proper measures to be pursued for apprehending and delivering up  
 the two above-named persons to be removed to this State having juris-  
 diction of their crime.

To be  
 removed to  
 this state,  
 having juris-  
 diction of  
 their crime

Besides the obligations of justice and humanity, which demand the  
 immediate punishment of so wanton an outrage, you will perceive, Sir,  
 the policy of preventing, by a seasonable example, the reinforcements  
 of the hostile tribes from those Indians who have hitherto evinced a  
 friendly disposition towards the Union; I am confident, therefore, that  
 your Excellency will cheerfully concur with me in accomplishing the  
 object of this application.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and most Humble Servant.

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April 26th

JOHN UPSHAW TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

Worthy Sir,

Essex Co.

It's with much concern I am constrain'd to address your  
 Excellency in relation to the taxes due from this County. I have lately

been Sheriff, & am apprehensive my Deputys have not paid up quite so punctually as they ought to have done; tho' all the Importunities I was capable off have been used by me to stimulate them in the Collection of the taxes for 1788 & 1789, which were the years they were to Collect for me. They have promis'd to pay up now the balance of arrearages due for these years, & if so, hope your Excellency will be of opinion the damages ought to be remitted, as it hath been very difficult to make Collections for these years in our County; & if contrary to my expectation, there's any balance left unpaid, I will use my utmost exertions to have it paid up immediately. I am aged, & at present a little infirm—otherwise, should have waited on the Honorable the Executive personally.

1791.  
April 26th  
Deputys have not paid up punctually. They have promised to pay arrearages

I am, with the greatest deference,  
Your Excellency's most obedient Serv't.

JOHN DIXON, JR., TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

April 27th

Stating that by the death of his father, John Dixon, Publick Printer, his family are left in indigent circumstances, and look to him for support; which support he will be unable to render, unless His Excellency in his great goodness would be pleased to appoint him his successor in the office of Publick Printer. He is well acquainted with the business, and assures his Excellency that the utmost of his abilities will be exerted to render general satisfaction.

Richmond  
Death of  
Jno. Dixon,  
Public  
Printer

He fears that his father's creditors will seize what little they have, unless he can give them assurances that their demands will be speedily complied with. By granting his request the distress of a family will be greatly alleviated.

WILL. STEPTOE TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

April 27th

Sir,

When your Excellency's letter of the 25th ulto. arrived, I was from home, and did not return till the 17th Inst. I immediately gave Mr. Bird notice, and took the Depositions, which I have the Honour to inclose. I do not doubt but that the proof of his misconduct might be much more ample, but supposing the inclosed sufficient on which to found an enquiry, have deferred it till the day of tryal. I beg leave to observe that the sooner your Excellency can begin an enquiry, the more agreeable it will be to those under Mr. Bird's Command, and to no one more than to him.

Hewick  
Middlesex  
Depositions

Who has the Honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obe. Serv't.

1791. Ralph Wormeley, one of the magistrates of Middlesex County:

April 27th Virginia, Middlesex County,  
21 April, 1791.

Present—Wm. Steptoe, Esq., & Geo. Bird, Esq.

Wm. Steptoe      This day attended Wm. Steptoe, Esq., who charged Geo. Bird, Esq.,  
Geo. Bird      County Lieutenant, before the Governour & Council of malfeazance in  
office, & of having received fines from sundry persons not attending at  
muster according to Law, through the hands of Capt. William George,  
formerly sub-sheriff of this County.

Deposition      Capt. William George being first sworn on the holy Evangelist  
of Capt.      deposeth & saith that on the 13th of March, 1790, he paid Col. George  
Wm. George      Bird as County Lieutenant, thirteen pounds, three shillings & six pence,  
for muster fines that came to his hands as sub-sheriff.

Deposition      Major Thos. Healy being first sworn on the holy evangelist, who acted  
of Major      also as sub-sheriff in this County; deposeth & saith that he paid to Col.  
Thomas      Geo. Bird, as County Lieutenant, on the 27th of Octo., 1788, as by Col.  
Healy      Bird's receipt is also proved, the sum of twelve pounds, seven shillings,  
for muster fines levied by the Court-Martial holden Octo., 1784, agreeable  
to an order of the last Court-Martial. And further the Deponents say  
not.

Given under my hand.

April 27th JAMES JONES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond      Caleb Hill is at present under sentence of death in the district  
Caleb Hill      prison of Richmond for a *supposed* horse-theft. I have used the word  
under      *supposed*, because I do not think the unhappy man really guilty of the  
sentence of      crime for which he stands condemned. The evidence against him  
death for      amounted to no more than this: That he accompanied a white man, who  
supposed      was in the possession of the stolen horse, and was made an instrument  
horse-theft      in the sale of him. The white man, upon the detection of the theft,  
made his escape and left Hill, who is a coloured man, to abide the con-  
sequences of the transaction. The man to whom the horse was sold  
appeared before the Court under so suspicious an aspect, that he was  
denied a certificate as being the apprehender of the thief. Hill served  
Hill served      the United States in the late war for the term of three years in the 15th  
in the late      Virginia Regiment, with fidelity & credit; and against him, no charge  
war in 15th      save this unfortunate affair, could be imputed. With this candid repre-  
Virginia      sentation of his case, I leave him to the Justice & mercy of his Country.  
regiment      with fidelity

I have the honor to be, with due respect,

Your most obt serv't.

GEO. BIRD, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR 1791.  
BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

I have made a General return of the Militia of the County of Middlesex, for the year 1789, & also an acc't of all monies that have come into my hands by virtue of my office since my last return; this return was made out in the month of January, in order to be forwarded to your Excellency, but having heard that there was a law passed at the last Session of the Assembly, repealing the Militia Law, & that the Monies imposed for fines were to be returned to the people who had paid them, I thought it unnecessary to make a return until I had seen the Law.

April 29th  
General  
return of  
Middlesex  
County  
Militia for  
1789 made

I have the honour to be,  
Your Excellency's most obed't & most hum. Servt.

The following papers accompany the foregoing letter of Geo. Bird: April 29th

MILITIA RETURNS BY COUNTY LIEUTENANT.

A General Return of Ye Militia of the County of Middlesex, for the year 1790, together with ye Arms, &c. 1 Regiment, 1 County Lieut., 1 Colonel, 1 Lt. Colonel, 1 Major, 4 Captains, 4 Lientonants, 4 Ensigns, 12 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer, 266 effective men, rank & file, 6 removed, 4 exempted, 7 added, 90 Good guns 40 bad guns, 4 good bayonets, 5 bad Swords, 9 good swords, 1 good spoontoon.

Militia  
return for  
1790

I do hereby certify that all the Monies that have come into my hands by virtue of my office, since my last return amount only to Fifteen pounds, Eleven Shillings.

Certificate of  
Col. George  
Bird, County  
Lientenant

Given under my hand the 4th day of January, 1791.

GE. BIRD, Co'ty Lt. Middlesex.

P. S.—This money was paid into my hands the 13th March & 28th June, 1790.

G. BIRD.

I do hereby certify, that all the money that have come into my hands arising from Muster Fines in my County, is Thirteen pounds, to this Date, Dec'r 1st, 1788.

Certificate of  
Col. George  
Bird, County  
Lientenant

G. BIRD, Co'ty Lt. Midd'x.

Middlesex, Ss:

Sworn to before me, one of the Magistrates for the County aforesaid, this 2d Dec'r, 1788.

OVERTON COSBY.



1791.

L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 2d  
Hanover  
Regimen,  
&c.,  
prescribed

Stating that having had a regimen, Exercise & bathing prescribed for him for the spring, & which he could not effect in Richmond, has occasioned his late absence. It having proved beneficial, he is advised to continue it for a week longer. He has also been called upon to attend Hanover Court as an evidence, which sits on Thursday next, & may be kept for the six succeeding days. Under the circumstances, he hopes that his Excellency & Council will not deem a further indulgence for that time improper, as he will be in Richmond so soon as discharged from Court. He begs leave to assure his Excellency & Board that he shall ever retain a grateful sense of past indulgences, & is with every sentiment of respect,

Grateful  
sense of past  
indulgences

Their most obed't & very h'ble serv't.

May 3d

GEO. HANCOCK TO THE CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Sir,

Mr. May,  
late clerk  
of Botetourt  
court to be  
prosecuted

I am directed as Attorney for the County of Botetourt, to prosecute our late clerk Mr. May for his deficiency in recording the minutes, Deeds, &c., and am not able to do it without the bond which our clerk informs me, is transmitted to the Executive, and no record made of such a bond here. Will you oblige me so far as transmitt a copy of the bond, so that the orders of the Court can be complied with in instituting the suit previous to the removal of Mr. May, which will be in three or four weeks.

I am y'r ob't Serv't.

May 3d

PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Richmond  
Proclama-  
tion

Delaware  
Indians

Declaring that whereas it has been represented to him by his Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Esq., Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, supported by the Deposition of William Wilson & Jno. Hillman, that on the 9th of March last, Samuel Brady and Francis McGuire, with a body of armed men, made an attack on a party of Delaware Indians in friendship and amity with the United States of America, and that four of them were murdered on Beaver Creek, in the said State of Pennsylvania, by the said Samuel Brady and Francis McGuire and their adherents, who have since fled from justice into this State; and whereas a demand has been made by the Executive authority of the said State of Pennsylvania for the delivery of the persons accused in conformity with the

second Section of the fourth Article of the Constitution of the United States: I have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of State, to issue this, my Proclamation, hereby offering a Reward of six hundred Dollars to any person or persons who shall deliver the said Samuel Brady and Francis McGuire, or three hundred Dollars for either of them, to the Executive authority of the said State of Pennsylvania, in the City of Philadelphia, in order to their being tried agreeably to the laws of the State having cognizance of their offence.

1791.

May 3d

The reward

And I do moreover require all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs and Constables within their respective Departments, and exhort the good people of the Commonwealth to use their best endeavours to apprehend and bring to Justice, the Perpetrators of a crime so dangerous to the Peace and good order of the United States.

Given under my hand, &c., 3d day of May, 1791.

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

A Copy from the Record.

Attest:

SAM. COLEMAN, A. C. C

COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, Esq.

May 5th

Sir,

I have received by Doctor Griffin the papers entrusted to him. Woodfin's are of little value; Denholm's are hurt by affidavits endorsed that the State has never paid for the supplies mentioned in them; Anderson's are explanatory of his business, tho' not very important; Thurstons & Snicker's account for large & valuable advances from the Treasury.

Philadel-  
phia  
Woodfin's  
papers  
Denholm's  
papers

I have frequent applications similar to Major Nelson's. It will be impossible to attend to any of them before July, when the time of preparing & presenting claims will be over.

When I suggested to your Excellency some time since, my hope the Executive would see cause to alter their resolution respecting my pay, I acted from reflection. I knew the severity of my duties did fully entitle me to what I requested; and altho' I am not in the habit of boasting, I now fear not to assert, that from my personal agency & practical acquaintance with the men & things & laws during the war, to which the accounts & vouchers of Virginia relate, and from the experience and knowledge of the subject which a laborious attention to it for upwards of two years & a half has bestowed; I fear not to assert that I am better possessed of the extent and merits of this business than any other man whatever. Yet such has been the singularity of my condition, that the more able I became to be serviceable to the State, the less useful I was rendered to myself; and the more I deserved Enolument, the less was I to receive for reward. Permit me to enclose the

Respecting  
his pay

1791. act of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, respecting their Commissioner.  
 May 5th The contrast cannot but be impressive; nor will I detain your attention longer than to observe, that while in point of Situation, assistance and compensation, their Commissioner has every advantage, yet with respect to real difficulty & consequent labor, there is no comparison between us. As I have it in design not to trouble your Excellency on this subject again, having formed my own opinion of what justice to myself & family will make it proper for me to do, I shall think myself happy should I be fortunate enough to obtain the concurrence of the Executive, at least from the end of the present quarter.

Act of  
 Assembly of  
 Pennsylvania,  
 respecting their  
 commissioners

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have received a letter making it a matter of great importance to be at Petersburg by the 20th of this month. The consequence, as Mr. Baker can well avouch, is of greater moment than every thing I shall receive from the State, yet at such a crisis is my public business at this time, that I am compelled to hazard considerable loss to myself to secure the State from any. As I do not mean to expose myself to difficulty and perhaps distress, by an attention to an undertaking, which does not at present afford me a moderate compensation for the peculiarity of its nature, situation and trouble. I hope your Excellency's goodness will pardon me for detaining you so long on a subject at best unpleasant to both.

May 6th COL. DAVID SHEPPARD, LIEUTENANT OF OHIO COUNTY, TO GENERAL KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR.

Sir,

Ohio Co. Agreeable to the orders to me directed, I have ordered out the  
 He has Militia, agreeable to the enclosed return, but since that, we find that the  
 ordered out the militia number is not sufficient to the present emergency. Within a few  
 days past, the Indians hath made a general attack on us, and hath  
 kill'd several of our Scouts. Ensign Enix was kill'd, Ensign Briggs  
 wounded, and several privates. They have made several attempts on  
 Block-Houses, but have fail'd. They have killed several of the Inhab-  
 itants, the number not yet known. We have alarms every day. The  
 Bearer, Capt. Kirkwood, will be able to give you a perfect account, as  
 he was in one of the actions, to whom I refer you for a true State of  
 affairs. We are without ammunition, and but few arms. Every day  
 shews new scenes of cruelty, and the appearance of a general invasion.

Capt. Kirk-  
 wood will  
 give a per-  
 fect account

I am with due respect, &c.

COL. DAVID SHEPPARD, LIEUTENANT OF OHIO COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. 1791.

Sir,

The continued Depredations of Savages upon our frontier Renders our situation truly alarming, and of consequence increases, when we find that a proclamation has been Isshred by Governor Mifflin, of Pennsylvania, offering a reward of one thousand Dollars to any person who will apprehend & Convict some men or any of them who kill'd some Indians at the mouth of Big beaver Creek, Allegany County, west of Ohio (calling it an atrocious act), and as some of that party was under my comand from this County, I Conceive it my duty to Inform your Excellency of the Facts which Induced our men to attack the enemy in their quarters, (to-wit): About the 16th of February last, a party of Indians in a most Cruel manner Murdered five persons near the Mouth of Buffalo Creek; plundered the house of all that was valuable, and made off; upon this I thought it expedient to send out 4 spies for our better secnurity, who soon Returned with Intelligence of the enemy's approach; upon this, a party from the different Companies Asembled at the Mouth of Buffalo, where they were joined by a party from Washington County; crossed the Ohio, and under the Directions of the Spys, went to meet the enemy, who, finding they were discovered, made off, and kept along the poor hills, that it was with Difficulty our men Could follow their tracks, unto a place known by the Name of Big buffalo Licks, weere a Council was held by the officers, in which Capt'n Brady (being one of the Spys), well knowing the Subtily of indians, informed them that they would only Retire to some distance until the Return of our men, or Probably go to their usual place of Rendevons, at the mouth of Big beaver; a Block house Erected & occupyd by a Wilson & Co., who was Notoriously known to supply them with ammunition & arms of all kinds ever since war had been Declared agninst them; under these Considerations, 26 Volentiers from the party proceeded on the trail, and soon found by their movements, that the Block-house was their Intention, upon which they Crossed the hills and fell upon the trail about 3 miles Distant from that place; they sent forward Spies, who Returned with Intelligence of the enemys being encamped opposite the Block-house; upon this, our men left their horses with two men to guard them, divided their small Company, Attacked & defeated the enemy, killed four men and one woman, which was not known until too late; these are the true State of Facts as they were Communicated to me by persons which were present and whose Veracity I Can Confide in; for further particulars shall Refere yon to the Bearer, who is acquainted with every Circumstance of what then happened, Likewise those which have Latelly taken place. During Last week 29 persons have been most Cruelly Murdered; Yet upon the authenticity of Wilson

May 9th  
Ohio Co.  
The continued depredations of Savages on the frontier  
His Excellency informed of the facts which induced our men to attack

1791. & Co., does Governor Mifflin send out his Proclamation; his government  
May 9th it appears, is not Confined to Pennsylvania, and his Information from  
those who have feasted upon the Blood of our fellow Citizens by supplying the Savage with every Instrument Necessary for our Destruction; if we have erred in being avenged of our Enemy, we are willing to be Corrected by your Excellency, upon whom, we, at this dangerous period, rely in hopes you will, if possible, make provisions to releve us from distress.

I Remain Your Excellency's most obedient Humble Servant.

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May 9th JOHN HARVIE AND WM. FOUSHEE, DIRECTORS OF THE JAMES RIVER COMPANY, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Richmond Stating that the James River Company has a pressing necessity for  
Pressing the amount of Forty pounds, six shillings, and ten pence, in specie,  
necessity for which they will thank the Hon'l Board for a warrant to that amount, on  
a small account of the Requisition now existing on the state shares in said Co.  
amount in  
specie

They also inform him that the 200 lhds. of Tobacco formerly directed to be advanced on account of Delinquent shares by the Treasurer, at a price to be agreed on, has only been partially made. Finding now that a sale of all the public Tobacco is shortly to take place, and thinking that a selection for the above balance in such Tobaccos as they might choose, would derange the sale, they will be obliged for an order on the Treasury, granting the said Company a credit at the sale for the full balance of the said 200 lhds. of Tobacco.

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May 10th JNO. BROWN, CLERK OF THE GENERAL COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Enclosing his account for arranging The various suits, including the British suits pending in that court, taxing costs, making the necessary copies, &c., for 1790, & 1791, & asking that his fees be allowed.

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May 10th J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Treasury Enclosing a list of the Crop and Transfer Tobacco now in the Treasury,  
Tobacco in received in part of for arrears of Taxes. He desires to be directed  
the treasury by the Hon'l Board, when and in what manner it shall be dispose of, whether at public or private sale; whether any thing but Cash shall be received in Payment, and whether the notes for the Transfer Tobacco shall be disposed of, or the produce collected from the several inspectors.

Public Tobacco in the Treasury this 10th day of May, 1791:					1791.
80	Hhds. at the	Upper Warehouses on	Potowmack River.		May 10th
79	"	"	Lower ditto.	"	Tobacco in
109	"	at the	Upper Warehouses on	Rappahannock.	the Treasury
22	"	"	Lower ditto.	"	
10	"	"	Lower warehouses on	York River.	
80	"	at the	Upper Warehouses on	James River.	
148	"	"	Lower ditto.	"	
37	"	at the	Warehouses on	Appomattox.	
36	"	at the	Warehouses on the	Eastern shore	
601					

ANTHONY SINGLETON, AGENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

May 11th

To whole am't of specie drawn from the Treasury					State of the
for the purposes of the Sinking Fund, -	£13,575,	13s,	11d.		Sinking
Amount rec'd in Tobacco from the Treasury for					Fund
same purposes, at rates which it sold, -	4,449,	11	7½		
The nett sum made to the State by the Sinking					
fund, appears to be, -	126,094,	9	3½		
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	£144,119,	14s,	10d.		
By final Settlements on hand, -	£65,	8s,	9d.		
Military Certificates on					
hand, -	134,478,	3	3		
Funded paper money certifs					
on hand, -	802,	16	6		
Loan office certifs on hand,	8,445,	15	0½		
Crop Tobacco do., -	326,	8	0		
Specie for balance do., -	1,	3	3½		
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	£144,119,	14s,	10d.		

May 11th—Jas. McClurg & J. Dawson certify that they have examined the books of the agent, the papers & Specie in his hands, & certify the above statement true.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 12th

Sir,

Mr. Prosser is desirous of purchasing about 80 hhds. of Tobacco for the purpose of paying for a delinquent Sheriff for whom he is Surety. Treasury

1791. If Mr. Prosser is disposed to allow for the public Tobacco such price as  
 May 12th is satisfactory to the Executive, I presume the Hon<sup>l</sup> Board will incline  
 Mr. Prosser to accommodate Mr. Prosser.

Mr. Prosser  
 desires to  
 purchase 80  
 hogheads  
 tobacco to  
 pay for a  
 delinquent  
 sheriff

I am, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obed. Serv't.

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WM. CLAIBORNE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

May 12th Sir,

Enclosed  
 papers fur-  
 nishing  
 evidence  
 that the  
 Auditor's  
 recollection  
 is not always  
 correct

An irksome Confinement from which I ardently wish to be freed,  
 and the known desire of the Honorable Executive to decide on my  
 claim according to justice, will apologise for troubling your Excellency  
 with the inclosed papers. They furnish Evidence that the recollection  
 of the Auditor is not Allways Correct; and by obviating his last objec-  
 tion, may lead to a determination in my favor.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect,

Your Ex'y's mo. ob. Serv't.

May 14th

CHARLES HAY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Extract from  
 act concern-  
 ing a print-  
 ing press

Enclosing the following extract from an act passed in May, 1780,  
 "For giving further power to the Governor & Council, & for other  
 purposes."

Public  
 printer

And whereas a good printing press, well provided with proper mater-  
 ials, is indispensibly necessary for the right information of the people.  
 Be it enacted that the Governor with the advice of the Council, be  
 authorized, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to engage with  
 & employ at the public expence & for the public service, a good and  
 able printer, of firm and known attachment to the United States, who  
 may be willing to bring a good & well provided press into this Common-  
 wealth.

May 17th

HENRY ANDERSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Advertise-  
 ment

Informing him that he sends enclosed to him, an advertisement dated  
 April 28th, 1791, and signed by Jno. Townes, per D. Sh'ff, stating that  
 There will be offered for sale at Colo. Edw'd Booker's, agreeable to Law,  
 on Wednesday, the 26th day of May next, and continued from day to  
 day, until the whole are sold, or as much as will satisfy the claims here-

after mentioned. Thirty-one negroes, the property of Henry Anderson, Esq., taken to Satisfy sundry Executions, to-wit: Jacob Williamson, Joshua Chaffin, ass'nee of Rawley Fossett, Ab. B. Venable, Wm. Ford, Dan'l McCallum & Wm. Tally. He informs His Excellency that these very negroes are Mortgaged for the payment of his securityship for a debt due from Christopher Hudson, the late Sheriff of Amelia County to the Publick. He has thought it advisable to make his Excellency acquainted with these facts. He has more than once set up a part of these slaves with the full intent of discharging this debt, but they being mortgaged, it was doubted whether he had the right to sell them. He requests his Excellency to take the necessary steps to stop the Sheriff, and signify his approbation of his selling them himself, in order that he may pay the Publick, (which is his real intent to do), without being subjected to any necessary expense, by a move or otherwise.

He states that he wrote to his Excellency a few months ago in regard to the 2 acres sold to the County Court of Amelia, for a Court house. They are entered on record by his direction. The money coming from the sale of said land £3, 10s., to be paid by the sheriff towards the discharge of this debt.

1791.  
May 17th  
31 negroes  
Said negroes  
already  
mortgaged  
Right to sell  
doubted  
Two acres  
sold for  
Courthouse  
for Amelia  
County

SAM. COLEMAN, A. C. C.

May 19th

Embracing copies of two letters from Governor Randolph to the Governor of Pennsylvania; one dated May 3d, and the other May 19th, 1791, and are in the following words, to-wit:

In Council, May 3d, 1791.

Sir,

Immediately upon the receipt of your favour of the 23d ultimo, I issued a Proclamation, a copy of which is enclosed, offering a reward of three hundred Dollars each for apprehending and delivering up Brady and McGuire at the City of Philadelphia, at the same time commanding the proper officers to use every exertion to bring to Justice offenders who have so flagrantly violated existing Treaties of the United States.

Proclama-  
tion issued  
Copy  
enclosed  
Brady and  
McGuire

I have the Honor, &c.,

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

The Governor of Pennsylvania.

A Copy from the Record.

Attest:

SAM. COLEMAN, A. C. C.



1791.

In Council, May 19th, 1791.

Sir,

May 19th  
Extract of  
letter from  
Lieutenant  
of Ohio Co.  
Willson and  
Hillman

Inclosed is an extract of a Letter just received from the Lieutenant of the County of Ohio, on the subject of the attack lately made upon a party of Delaware Indians, near the mouth of Big Beaver Creek. We are informed that Willson and Hillman, whose Depositions have been taken upon this occasion, carry on trade with all the Indian tribes whether friendly or otherwise. It is also stated as a fact, and generally believed in that part of the Country that they supply even the Hostile Tribes with arms and Ammunition. It would not perhaps be improper to enquire whether these men have been licensed to trade agreeable to the Act of Congress to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes.

Murders  
near Buffalo  
Creek proba-  
bly commit-  
ted by the  
Delawares,  
&c.

From the circumstances stated by Colonel Sheppard, supported by the Information of Capt. Connell, it appears to be very probable that the murders near the mouth of Buffalo Creek have been committed by the Delaware Indians, if not by the very party who were attacked on big Beaver Creek. We should have taken Capt. Connell's information on oath, but that he declared he was not with Captain Brady, but related facts as he received them from several of the party, men of respectable character.

I have the Honor, &amp;c.,

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

The Governor of Pennsylvania.

A Copy from the Record.

Attest:

SAM. COLEMAN, A. C. C.

May 22d

HENRY BANKS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Richmond  
Misunder-  
standing  
Regarding  
the Petition  
The explan-  
ation  
Mr. Hay

There appears to be a misunderstanding touching the Petition which I presented to the Executive, and now I beg that this may be rec'd as an explanation.

If I had supposed the demand to stand on the footing of a Balance within the view of common Law, I should not have stated its equity. I knew that I had given Mr. Hay a rec't for payment, which I was under the necessity to do, or no payment would be made. My situation and Business required it, and no ratio of Depretiation was then estab-

lish'd by Law. The rec't was given to Mr. Hay to whom I referred the Board for enquiry, and altho' Mr. Hay has forgotten the several Circumstances which pass'd on the subject, it does not therefore follow that I also must forget.

1791.

May 22d

It was the Policy of Hunter, Banks & Co., in many Instances to serve the public; it is now lamentable to reflect that for having done so, not only a considerable actual Injury is to be the Consequence, but the Petition for equitable redress is deem'd reprehensible. If I had not been overloaded with other Losses and misfortunes, I should not have made the solicitation, nor should I now trouble you, except to place it fairly.

Hunter,  
Banks & Co.

With respect to the Guns they were without Trunnels, and spik'd. They answer'd no purpose, except to create considerable expence in preparing them for use. When they fail'd, the Tryal was made with a few—the number I know not; for these few Guns, Mr. Hay detained other sums of money, which I expect he has advised, and formerly thought himself satisfied, for, even if the highest value of such Guns of good mettall was to be ascertain'd, the money so detained was more than eno. Mr. Hay admits that there was to have been an arbitration—it must have been to an equitable revision of the acc't; this was the Fact, and altho' it may not be believed, and altho' I may be forever precluded from Compensation for the Loss, because I can't prove my right thereto, I shall never cease to feel the Injury, nor to recollect that they were the greatest sufferers during the war, who attempted most to support it.

The guns

There was  
to have been  
an arbitra-  
tion

I hope that as this letter is dictated by a desire to remove the appearance of ambiguity, that I shall be pardoned therefor.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Excellency's most hum. Ser.

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HENRY BANKS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA.

May 22d

The petition of Henry Banks humbly sheweth, That in the Month of March, 1781, Hunter, Banks & Co., whom your Petitioner represents, sold to David Ross, the then commercial agent, a large quantity of Merchandise amounting to £284,065, paper money, and £134, 16s, specie, under an agreement that the respective payments were to be apportioned agreeable to their value and dates; the goods then sold were extremely necessary for the army, and being in the state of North Carolina, could not have been impressed, even if there had been a disposition, so that the Contract was fair and mutually assented, without restraint or compulsion and according to the scale of depreciation as afterwards established by Law, amounted to £3,291, 1s.; according to which, your Petitioner humbly conceives a settlement ought to be made.

Petition  
Hunter,  
Banks, & Co.  
David Ross  
Commercial  
agent

1791. William Hay, Esquire, the Master in chancery was at that time Co-adjutor in the commercial business, and paid to Hunter, Banks & Co. the sums of money which are stated in the annexed account, which to the scale of depreciation amount to the sum of £1,564, 14s, leaving a balance of £1,726, 7s, but as the said House were then engaged in considerable Business, it was necessary for them to receive some payment; otherwise their Credit and Business would have sustained a considerable injury.

Shortly afterwards the sole direction of the Business devolved on your Petitioner, and he had various conferences with Mr. Hay, and informed him that the claim not being extinguished, and that it was his wish that the same should be arbitrated; to which Mr. Hay agreed, & Mr. James Heron and Benjamin Harrison were chosen for the purposes; but the office of Commercial Agent soon after being discontinued, neither Mr. Ross or Mr. Hay have supposed themselves authorised to do anything relating to the Business, and your Petitioner not knowing how to proceed to obtain justice, has been obliged to bear the injury in silence, except only that he has frequently reminded the said Ross & Hay of the claim.

Your Petitioner is now advised that your Honorable board has authority to grant such relief respecting the premises as is equitable, wherefore it is that your Petitioner prays that an authority will be given to the auditor or some other, to investigate this Transaction; and if it shall be found that the suggestions of your Petitioner are true, that your Hon'ble Board will grant such relief and payment as consists with equity and right. And your Petitioner in duty bound will pray, &c.

May 22d David Ross & William Hay, Esqrs.,  
Commercial agents for the Commonwealth of Virginia,  
In account with Hunter, Banks & Company, Drs.

1781.

Account current	March. To 1,972½ yards Cloth @ 100 pr. yard, -	£191, 2s, 5d.
	To 42 pieces of Canvas, 3,065 yards, @ £24, -	73, 5 0
	To 4 casks lead & 1 of shot, weighing 10:1:20,	
	(@ 33 Livers pr. C., is, Specie, £134, 16s,	
	To 8 lb. Tea pr. Doctor Pape, -	72, 0 0
	To 134 lb. Steel @ £45, -	60, 3 0
		£284, 6s, 5d.
	£284, 06s, 6d. agreeable to scale,	£3,156, 5s,
		£3,291, 1s, Specie.

Crs.	1791.
1791.	May 22d
April. By cash, £100,000, £1,000 scale, 100 for 1	
amounts to, - - - - -	£1,000, 0s, 0d.
August. By cash, £282,315 scale, 500 for 1, - - -	564, 14 0
	£1,564, 14s, 0d.
Balance due Hunter, Banks & Co., agreeable	
to the above statement, - - - - -	1,726, 7 0
	£3,291, 1s, 0d.
To balance due Hunter, Banks & Co., - - -	£1,726, 7s, 0d.
To Interest to be ascertained at settlement.	

Errors Ex'd.

Some Guns spik'd, and with broken Trans. lent by the state which proved of no value, were claim'd by Mr. Hay and allowance was refused by H. B. & Co., which is still undecided.

HENRY BANKS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

May 22d

May 8th, 1791.

Sir,

I am indebted to the Commonwealth in two instances; one for a Lot purchased of the Commiss'srs a few years ago, for which I have no Title, nor have I ever given bond; the other for duties on Judgment.

I have obtain'd a decree as the representative of Hunter, Banks, & Co., ag't the Commonwealth, and proposed to the Att'y-General to appropriate a nominal amount equal to discharge these debts, and directions were accordingly Given to the Auditor.

I appropriated the residue of the decree to another person, and now when I wish to have the Business ended, the auditor suggests that the warrants which I have arranged, are not of equal value with the debts due by me, and recommends that your Excellency be consulted, for which purpose I now apply, and hope that directions will be given, not only to release me from the Judgment, but also to give me a title to the Lot.

I am apprised that there is not a power now to place warrants on any fund, yet I hope where an Individual owes for private contract, and where the public are indebted to him, that your hon'ble Board will authorize a discount.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Excellency's most ob't & hum. Servt.

Mr. Pendleton, in whose hands are the papers will shew them.

Indebted to  
the common-  
wealth

Proposition  
to the  
Attorney-  
General

## 1791. Affidavit from Captain John Cooper:

May 22d I do certify that twenty Cannon Guns were sent on to me in North Carolina by Hunter, Banks & Co., in the year 1782, for a ship of theirs which I then commanded after being repaired with Trunnion's bands, &c., was mounted on board the said Ship, and when I got under way to proceed on a Cruise, fired one of the said Guns as the beginning of an intended salute, which was charg'd with powder only, and the Gun Bursted. I then thought it prudent to land the remainder of the Guns and try them. Did so, and as well as I recollect seventeen of the remaining nineteen bursted, and those escaped were considered of very little value.

JOHN COOPER.

Richmond, May 26th, 1791.

City of Richmond, ss:

The above sworn to before me the 26th May, 1791.

JOHN LYNE.

May 22d The Governor laid before the board a letter from Henry Banks, inclos'g a decree of the high court of chancery in favor of Hunter, Banks & Co., by which ye Auditor is directed to grant these warrants to ye amt. of £1,066, 13s, 4d, with interest thereon from Dec., '80, and informing that he had agreed with ye Attorney-General that there should be reserved out of s'd warrants a sufficiency to satisfy certain debts due from him ye s'd H. B. to ye Commonw'lth, viz, £107, 10s, 6, with 5 pr. Ct. interest from 12 Jan'y, '85, & £5, 17s, 6d, due for duties & costs as per Judgm't, and ye further sum of £260 with interest from ye 1st Sept., '85, due for a lot of Ground purchased of ye commissioners for selling public property in Richmond, which reservation had been accordingly ordered by ye att'y as appears by his Certificate on ye back of ye s'd decree, but that ye auditor insisted upon retain'g out of s'd warrants a sufficient sum to produce £333, 17s, specie, the am't of ye debt due for ye Lott £141, 8s, 6d, of each amts. as will discharge the duties & £5, 17s, 6d. specie, for costs, which he conceived to be unjust, & therefore begged ye interposition of ye Executive in his favor. Whereupon it is advised that ye Auditor be instructed to retain out of ye warrants decreed to H. B. & Co., only the nominal amt. of ye sums directed to be ris'd by ye Att'y-Gen'l, & the further sum of £200 to secure ye payment of debt due by him, for certain cannon rec'd of ye public during ye war, when their value shall be ascertained.

Whereupon  
it is advised,  
&c.

## ARCHIBALD STUART TO THE GOVERNOR.

1791.

Sir,

The active part which the Executive have taken to procure a full discussion of the subject against our public collectors, has met with the warmest approbation of every good citizen, & I trust will have its effects with those of a Different Description, but I am sorry to add that their good intentions are likely to be frustrated. When the clerk of Augusta was called upon at our last district court to produce the original lists on which the Indictments were founded, he gave the Court to understand they were not to be found in his office, which brought forward an enquiry into the cause, &c., when it appeared. That the office had been taken from Mr. James Lyle, in the month of October last, who had done the Business since ye present clerk's appointment till that date. That said Lyle, with ye other papers belonging to the office, delivered up to his principal the lists above mentioned, in the presence of four witnesses called for that express purpose. That M. Gambill was appointed a deputy in the Room of said Lyle, who deposed that said papers were taken out of the office without his knowledge. Altho' I have certified copies of these lists, I believe they cannot be given in evidence to support a criminal prosec'n, which I suppose must now be dropped. They have however been continued at my motion, till Sept'r for further consideration.

May 23d  
Staunton  
Subject  
against  
public  
collectors

Office taken  
from James  
Lyle

Mr. Gamble  
appointed  
deputy in  
Lyle's room  
He has cer-  
tified copies  
Cases  
continued

From some circumstances attending the removal of Mr. Lyle from office, I had a foreboding of some such accident as has taken place, & was the adviser of the uncommon caution observed upon delivering up these papers. All public prosecutions must be founded upon Records & papers committed to the officers of your Courts, & if due attention or any other necessary qualifications be wanting in them, public Justice is at an end & is of more serious consequence to ye Commonwealth than the offences we were attempting to punish. I highly approve your Excellencie's Ideas of Rendering prosecutions for malpractices in office as public as possible, & giving them the countenance and aid of public authority. From the order of council of the first of Feb'y last, with which I have been favored, I observe the records on this subject have been referred to the Attorney-General "to report the best method to be pursued for the recovery of the public monies which have been so embezled; I have not been favored with that gent's opinion on this subject, nor do either of ye gent to whom your Excellency has written appear to be willing to Join me in ye business. I have therefore delayed this Business not so much for want of aid, as to be satisfied of the mode of prosecution, which shall be recommended by Mr. Attorney. The public claim is founded not only upon the proceedings which have been transmitted to the Executive, but for not having returned a single list of supernumeries for several years, which the commissioners

He had a  
foreboding  
of some such  
accident

Records on  
this subject  
referred to  
the Attor-  
ney-General

1791. say amount to a large sum. I have doubts in whose name ye suit  
May 23d ought to be brought. Most penal Laws point out ye mode of recovering penalties, which I fear is not ye Case in ye act referred to.

I shall wait the commands of your Excellency upon this subject determined to execute them with that zeal and diligence which its importance deserves.

In the meantime, I have the honor to be,  
with the highest respect and esteem,  
Your Excellency's most ob<sup>l</sup>, Humble servant.

May 23d

ALEX<sup>r</sup> MOSELEY, CLERK OF NORFOLK COURT.Norfolk  
Borough

At a Hustings Court held the 23d day of May, 1791:

Present—James Taylor, Esquire, Mayor; Paul Loyall, Cornelius Calvert, Donald Campbell, Robert Taylor, John Boush, Cary H. Hansford, Gent. Aldermen.

Court  
recommends  
James Ramsay  
for  
alderman

The Court recommends to His Excellency, the Governor, and Council, James Ramsay, Gent., as a fit person to execute the office of Alderman of this Borough, in room of George Kelly, Gent., who hath resigned.

May 27th

WALTER JONES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Northham-  
berland Co.  
Resignation  
of his com-  
mission of  
coroner

I herewith inclose my Commission as coroner in this county, and intimate my Resignation of that, which the Executive will please to accept. There is another Coroner in the County, and shall give notice of my Resignation, on the next meeting of the Court.

I am, Sir, with great Respect,  
Your obedient, humble Servant.

Commission  
signed by  
Edmund  
Randolph

The above mentioned commission was issued to the said Walter Jones at Richmond, on the 12th day of October, 1787, and signed by Edmund Randolph, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

May 28th

E. MEADE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Amelia

Agreenble to your request, Maj<sup>r</sup> Eggleston & myself Examined the Mortgage Given by Mr. Henry Anderson to the Commonwealth, & find

it to contain the same number & the same names of negroes, as is taken in execution by the Sheriff to Satisfy sundry debts due to individuals, the sheriff on Wednesday last, summon'd a jury to try the right of property which the jury did not condemn. We gave notice at that time by advertisement & verbal warning to the people present not to purchase the property. On Friday last, another was summon'd with the same success. On both occasions we fully comply'd with your request.

1791.

May 28th

Mortgage of  
Henry  
Anderson  
examined,  
&c.

I am, with great respect & esteem,

Your humble Serv't.

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L. WOOD, PUBLIC SOLICITOR, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

May 29th

Sir,

Finding myself far from enjoying a state of Health suitable to the confinement necessary for the prosecution of the Business in my office, I shall be obliged to resign it so soon as a few particular transactions can be finally adjusted. I take the liberty of addressing your Excellency at present with a view that the Hon'ble Executive should have previous information. I have written Mr. Sheperd to state all difficult Matters that may require explanation, & as soon as that is done I shall be in Richmond to give him the necessary information & close my accounts.

Hanover  
Finds his  
health not  
suitable for  
the business  
of his office

With much respect, I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most ob't & very h'ble Serv't.

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JAMES BRECKINRIDGE TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH,

May 30th

Enclosing a petition of William Clark, of Washington, together with some affidavits, which he requested to lay before his Excellency. He believes that the statement may be true. Clark has the reputation of an honest, inoffensive citizen, and from his knowledge of him, believes him to be so. His family is large; he is in the decline of life, and he verily believes it will take nearly all he is worth to satisfy the amercement with its costs, &c.

Enclosing  
petition of  
Wm. Clark

He is His Excellency's mo. ob't & very H'ble Sc'v't.

The petition of Wm. Clarke of the county of Washington, to which reference is had in the foregoing letter, shows that he was indicted for retailing spirituous liquors on April 4th, 1789, without a license, by the Grand jury at a court held for the District of Washington and Mont-

Clark's  
petition



1791. gomery in October, 1789; and in consequence thereof, was fined £10 &  
 May 30th Costs—an Execution was levied upon his effects; that being conscious  
 of his innocence, and unable to employ counsel, made no defence till he  
 was informed it was too late; that he replevied by giving a bond paya-  
 ble at the end of 12 months. He states that the grand jurymen on  
 whose information the presentment was founded, have since the imposi-  
 tion of the fine, acknowledged that they were mistaken in presenting  
 him, and that therefore he conceives that another person was intended;  
 that he is advanced in years, and unable to provide for his large family,  
 and that if the fine, together with costs, &c., making now fourteen or  
 fifteen pounds, is satisfied by the sale of his effects, he will be reduced  
 to absolute Beggary. He prays the remission of the said fine, &c.

May 30th THOS. MIFFLIN, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BEVERLEY RANDOLPH,  
 GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Philadelphia I received your letter of the 19th instant, inclosing an extract from  
 a Representation, which had been addressed to you by the Lieutenant  
 Concerning of Ohio county, on the subject of the attack lately made upon a party  
 the attack of Indians near the mouth of Big Beaver Creek; and I have now the  
 lately made on a party of honor to transmit to your Excellency, copies of the various documents  
 Indians relating to that unfortunate transaction, from which I believe you will  
 be convinced not only of the propriety of the steps that have been taken  
 on the part of the Government of Pennsylvania, but also of the peaceable  
 and friendly character of the Indians who were attacked, of the identity  
 of the persons by whom the assailants were commanded, and of the  
 credibility of the witnesses, upon whose depositions I founded my appli-  
 cation, requiring the offenders to be delivered up as fugitives from jus-  
 tice. To these papers, I have added a copy of a letter which the Lieut-  
 enant of Ohio Co. enant of Ohio county has likewise been pleased to write to me; but  
 with how much impropriety, your Excellency will readily perceive, and  
 therefore I shall spare myself the trouble of a comment upon this ex-  
 traordinary part of that gentleman's conduct.

I cannot, however, omit the present opportunity of thanking you, Sir,  
 in behalf of the state of Pennsylvania for the prompt and liberal atten-  
 tion that has been paid to the call, which justice, policy, and humanity  
 concurred in rendering it my duty to make; and I hope that whatever  
 may be the event with respect to the immediate objects of the proceed-  
 ing, this public benefit will at least result that our citizens will be taught  
 the respect which is due to the rights even of Indians; and that Indians

will be encouraged to place a confidence in the power and protection of our Governments, instead of vindicating their wrongs by acts of retaliation and hostility. 1791.  
May 30th

I am, with great respect, Sir,  
Your Excellency's most obed. and most H<sup>b</sup>le Serv<sup>t</sup>.

The following are the Copies of the various documents enclosed, with the foregoing letter of Gov<sup>r</sup> Mifflin, and referred to by him in said communication, viz: May 30th

FROM CORN PLANTER & OTHER INDIANS, TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Pittsburgh, March 17th, 1791.

Sir,

When we raised from the Great Council of the thirteen fires, we mentioned that we meant to have a Council with the chiefs of the bad angry Indians. Through the whole Quaker State, as we came up the road, we was treated well, and they took good care of us until we came here; one misfortune happened only, that one of our waggon's is not yet arrived here; the one we first engaged with the goods you presented to us. Indian letter to the President of the United States

Father!—Your Promise to me was, that you would keep all your people Quiet, but since I came here I find that some of my People have been kill'd; the good honest people who were here trading. The President's promise

Father!—We hope you will not suffer all the good people to be kill'd, but your People are killing them as fast as they can. Three men and one woman have been killed at Big Beaver Creek, and they were good people, and some of the white men will testify the truth of this. When I heard the news, I found one boy had made his escape, and got to the Trader's house, who saved his life. I now want to see him. Three men and one woman have been killed

Father!—We have been informed that twenty-seven men came from another State, and murdered these men in the Quaker State, and took away nine horses and all the goods they had purchased from the Trader. Our Father and Ruler over all mankind, now speak and tell me, did you order these men to be killed?

Father!—Our words is pledged to you that we would endeavor to make Peace with all warrior nations. If we cannot do it, do not blame us. You struck the innocent men first. We hope you will not blame us, as your people has first broke good Rules, but as for our people, they are as friendly and as firm as ever. Not to be blamed if they cannot make peace

Father!—We must now acquaint you with the mens' names Who did this murder at Beaver Creek. Names of the murderers

1791. Samuel Brady, formerly a Captain in your army, and under your  
May 30th Command; also a Balden, persons, was concerned in this murder.

(Signed) his  
CORN  $\times$  PLANTER,  
mark

his  
NEW  $\times$  ARROW,  
mark

his  
HALF  $\times$  TOWN,  
mark

his  
BIG  $\times$  TREE.  
mark

The boy P. S.—The Boy who made his escape at Beaver Creek has arrived at  
this place, and I have taken him under my protection.

CORN PLANTER.

To the President of the United States.

True copy from the original.

JNO. STAGG, Jun'r, Ch'f clerk.

Copy:

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary of Penn'a.

May 30th PRESLEY NEVILL, ESQ. TO GENERAL RICHARD BUTLER.

His arrival Extract of a Letter from Presley Nevill, Esq., to General Richard  
in the country Butler, dated, Pittsburgh, March 19th, 1791.

On my arrival about ten days ago in this Country, I found our Fron-  
tiers greatly alarmed by the Savages, and many have actually moved  
off from about the mouth of Racoon Creek. To increase the Danger,  
on the ninth Instant a party of Virginians, under the command of  
Captain Brady, fell on a Party of trading Indians at the Block House,  
and killed four or five; since which, I find it very difficult to prevent  
the settlement adjoining the River from Breaking up. I have ordered  
Thirty men under a subaltern, to range near the River, from the Vir-  
ginia Line upwards, and give intelligence of any parties that may be  
Coming to war. The Militia are greatly in want of arms and amuni-

He has  
ordered 30  
men to range  
near the  
river

tion. I have been obliged to get a Quarter Cask of Powder and one hundred weight of Lead for their use, from Elliott and Williams. 1791.  
May 30th

I am, &c.,

(Signed), PRESLEY NEVILLE,

True Extract.

JNO. STAGG, Jun'r, Ch'f Clk.

War Department, Mar. 28, 1791.

True Copy of the Extract,

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

JAMES MORRISON, ESQ., TO GENERAL RICHARD BUTLER.

May 30th

Extract of a Letter from James Morrison, Esq., to General Richard Butler, dated Pittsburgh, March 17th, 1791.

The Indians have not committed any depredations on our frontiers since my Last. Notwithstanding, a party of Militia from Ohio County, in number 30, came to the west side of Beaver Creek, opposite the Block house, where William Wilson, of this Place, has been trading for some considerable time past, fell on some Delaware Indians who had been trading with Mr. Wilson, killed three men and one woman, took nine horses, the Indians arms, &c.; the residue of the Indians made their escape. This ill timed stroke (to say no worse), has greatly alarmed the settlements opposite Beaver; they have left their houses along the River for some distance, and collected in small bodies some miles Back. Should the Indians revenge this Injury done them, on our frontier, which it is more than probable they will, that thriving settlement on Raccoon will break up and fly a considerable distance into the interior part of the Country.

(Signed) JAMES MORRISON.

True Extract.

JOHN STAGG, JUNIOR, chief clerk.

War Department, 28th March, 1791.

True Copy,

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

GEN'L HENRY KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA. May 30th

War Department, 28th March, 1791.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency a Representation made to the President of the United States by the Corn planter, a

1791. Seneca Chief, upon the subject of the murder of some friendly Indians, on the ninth instant, who had been trading at the Block house on Big Beaver Creek, within this state. It would appear both from the Representation of the Corn planter and the information of Persons of Respectable characters at Pittsburg and its neighborhood, herein enclosed whose names it might not be proper to make public, that the act of killing the Indians aforesaid, is considered by the good Citizens of the frontiers as an atrocious murder, and Deserving of the severest punishment.

If such crimes are suffered to pass with impunity

If such crimes as the murder of friendly Indians should be suffered to pass off with impunity, the endeavors of the United States to establish peace on terms of Justice and humanity will be in vain. A General Indian War will be excited, in which the opinion of the enlightened and impartial part of mankind will be opposed to us, and the Blood and Treasures of the Nation will be exposed in the accomplishment of measures degrading to its character.

To avoid such Deplorable consequences, every exertion will be immediately made within the power of the General Government.

Gen. St. Clair will be ordered to enquire into the facts

Major-General St. Clair will be instructed to enquire into the facts, and, finding them as represented, to call the relations of the deceased Indians together, to disavow and disapprove of the murder in the strongest terms; to assure the Indians that every measure authorised by the Laws, will be immediately taken to bring the murderers to condign punishment, and to make the said relations entire compensation for the Loss of the Horses and property taken from the murdered indians.

The punishment will not belong to the general government

But the punishment of Murderers will not belong to the General government. The crime having been committed within the jurisdiction of the State of Pennsylvania, is to be tried by its Laws. No doubt can arise that your Excellency will view the transaction in its proper light, and that you will demand the accused from the State of Virginia, according to the Constitution of the United States, or take such other measures on the occasion as you may judge proper.

I have the honor to be, with great Respect,  
Your most obedient servant,

HENRY KNOX.

Copy:

A. J. DALLAS,  
Secretary of the Com'h of Pen'a.

GENERAL HENRY KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. 1791.

War Department, 31st May, 1791. May 31st

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency, that in consequence of the representation made to me by the Lieutenant of Ohio County, of which the enclosed is a copy, and the verbal communications of Captain Kirkwood stating the deplorable situation of the inhabitants of the said County for want of arms and ammunition, that I have in behalf of the United States ordered that one hundred arms, two barrels of powder, and four hundred weight of lead should be delivered out of the magazine at Fort Pitt, to Colonel Shepherd. That he should account to your Excellency for the disposition of the said arms and ammunition, and that the same should be charged to the State of Virginia.

Lient. of Ohio Co.  
Capt. Kirkwood

Col. Shepherd to account for them to Gov. of Virginia

I hope the nature of the case, which would not permit the application to be made to the State of Virginia, will render the advance of the said articles in the manner stated, acceptable to your Excellency.

With great respect, I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient, hum. Serv't.

S. SHEPARD TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

June 3d

A difficulty occurring in regard to receiving certain warrants for payment of duties in specie, the Treasurer regards them as being "equal only to militia certificates." Requests the Governor and Council to give him instructions to that officer, as to whether he shall receive.

Solicitor's office

Petition of Thomas Roane to the Governor & Council for remission of a fine imposed upon him by the District Court of King & Queen Co., "for an assault on Mr. Robert Beverly." Encloses a certificate of the Jury, in a suit against him in another county for the same offence, giving reasons why the aforesaid fine should be remitted, as follows:

June 4th  
Essex Co.

"We, whose names are hereinto subscribed, being of the Jury in the Trial of a suit of assault & Battery in the court of Essex in March last, between Robert Beverly, plaintiff, and Thomas Ronne, def't, do certify That on the said Trial it appeared to us in proof that the def't met with the plaintiff on the public road accidentally, & then and there demanded of the s'd Plaintiff to make him acknowledgements for the Injury he had done to the memory of the s'd defendants deceased Father in a

Assault and battery

1791. printed publication addressed to Spencer Roane, Esq., whereon being  
 June 4th refused, the Defendant was urged to give him a caning. That it was  
 proved to us that the said plaintiff had reflected on the memory of  
 Colo. Wm. Roane, in the said printed paper, and it was also shewn that  
 the said reflection was unjust, & that the s'd Col. Roane was in his life-  
 time, wholly incapable of such mal-conduct as the plaintiff had therein  
 imputed to him. That it was not proved that the defendant knocked  
 the plaintiff from his Horse, but rather that he fell in avoiding the  
 Blows. That the action was supported by proofs of a confession made  
 by the Def't to different persons, to whom it appeared he had disclosed the  
 whole Transaction, and that the Jury on their retirement, found a ver-  
 dict against the Def't for eleven pounds damages.

Signed, T. Dunn, Jr., Sam'l Croxton, Warner Harwood, William  
 Howerton, Major Boughan, Isaac Gatewood, Wm. Fisher, Barker  
 Minter.

June 4th THOS. MIFFLIN, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BEVERLEY RAN-  
 DOLPH, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Philadel- Enclosing demand for certain fugitives from justice, against whom  
 phia Indictments had been duly found in the County of Washington, Penn'a,  
 Free negro for having seized the person of a free negro with intent to sell him into  
 carried off slavery in Virginia or Kentucky, &c.

Information leading to the arrest and prosecution of these offenders  
 had been duly furnished the civil authorities of Pennsylvania, as appears  
 from the following petition:

To Thomas Mifflin, Governor of Pennsylvania:

Society for  
 the abolition  
 of slavery

The Memorial of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the  
 Abolition of Slavery, the Relief of Free negroes unlawfully held in  
 Bondage, and for improving the condition of the African Race, Respect-  
 fully sheweth, that John, a free Negro Man, residing at Washington, in  
 the County of Washington, in this Commonwealth, entitled to and en-  
 joying the peace and protection of the laws of this State, was, on or  
 about the tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand  
 seven hundred and eighty-eight, with force and arms and a strong hand,  
 assaulted, seized, imprisoned, bound and carried without the jurisdiction  
 of this commonwealth, by certain persons in disguise, and at that time  
 unknown; and that at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and general Jail  
 Delivery, held in and for the said County before William Augustus  
 Atlee and George Bryan, Esquires, Justices of the same Court, on the  
 tenth day of November in the year aforesaid, Bills of Indictment were  
 presented and found to be true by the grand inquest for the body of the

County of Washington, against Francis McGuire, Baldwin Parsons, and Abraham Wells, for imprisoning, binding and carrying the said free negro, John, out of this State with intent to cause him to be sold as a slave, contrary to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth as by the Records and Proceedings of the said Court; true copies whereof from the Office of Edward Burr, Esquire, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court and Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the said County, herewith laid before the Governor, fully appears.

1791.  
June 4th

The memorialists further shew that the said Francis McGuire, Baldwin Parsons, and Absalom Wells precipitately fled from Justice, taking with them negro John; and have taken shelter in the State of Virginia, or perhaps in that part thereof which has lately been erected into a new State by the name of Kentucke, and the said negro John is said now to be held in a State of slavery by Nicholas Casey, near Romney, on the south Branch of the Potowmack, in Virginia.

That by the second Paragraph of the second section of the fourth Article of the Constitution of the United States, it is provided that "A person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice and be found in another State, shall, on demand of the Executive authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up to be removed to the State having jurisdiction of the crime."

The memorialists apprehend that a crime of deeper dye is not to be found in the Criminal Code of this State, than that of taking off a Free man, and carrying off with intent to sell him, and actually selling him as a slave. And inasmuch as the grand inquest for the body of the County of Washington have, upon their oaths or affirmations, found this crime to be truly charged against the Persons above named, they respectfully request that the Governor will be pleased to demand from the Executive authority of Virginia or of Kentucke, that the said Francis McGuire, Baldwin Parsons, and Abraham Wells be apprehended, if to be found within their Jurisdiction and delivered to the Executive authority of this Commonwealth, to be proceeded with according to Law; and that the said negro John be also sent into this State to the end that he may be restored to his freedom.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the said Society at a special meeting held in the City of Philadelphia, the thirtieth day of the fifth month, called May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and signed by order of the Meeting.

Attested by: JOHN MCCREE, Sec'y,\*  
WILLIAM ROGERS, Vice-President.

\* NOTE.—This document bears Seal of the Society, displaying on its field a figure of Liberty holding a staff bearing cap of liberty and with one foot resting upon prostrate figure of a lion. In the Exergon, the words for motto: "Both can't survive."



1791. I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original memorial  
 June 4th deposited with the Records of the Executive Department in my custody.

A. J. DALLAS,  
 Secretary of the Commonwealth.

June 6th Affidavit of Richard Roy, of Caroline Co., in regard to balance of an  
 "Execution levied for the Commonwealth against the Inspectors at  
 Roy's warehouse," &c., Is really due from his son, John Roy, late of  
 Caroline Co., now of N. Carolina. The latter, before going away, had  
 provided for its payment, by leaving "a negro woman and child with  
 power to sell them if necessary," &c.

June 6th Return of Ordnance and ordnance stores at Manchester, Va., belong-  
 Manchester ing to the United States. Articles enumerated: Brass guns mounted,  
 Limbers, gun-carrriages, beds for cohorns, shot, solid shells, grape shot,  
 muskets, swivels, fuzes, cartridges, steel ramrods, pistols, bayonets,  
 swords, Espontoons, Pikes, sponges, ladels, worms, Port-fires, slow-match,  
 tubes, belts, bitts, priming horns, priming wires, canteens, howitzers,  
 shell scrapers, sheep-skins, bugle horns, French horns, &c., &c.—indeed  
 every variety of implement used in managing ordnance, known at this  
 period.

June 6th JAMES INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

In reply to enquiry of the Governor in Council, with regard to dis-  
 pute concerning commissions due to collectors of the Public revenue in  
 certain cases, &c., as follows:

Allowance of "The allowance to collectors of the public revenue is five per centum  
 tax collec- for collection, when lands are distrained and sold for arrears of Taxes,  
 tors in cer- under the law of 1781, By the act to remedy abuses in the manner of  
 tain cases selling lands for payment of public Taxes, passed on the 7th of January,  
 1788, the manner of selling lands for the purposes mention'd above, is  
 altered; but the compensation given by the act of 1781, stands unchanged.  
 The act of 1788 directs in cases of the sales of Lands in the manner  
 prescribed therein, payment to be made into the treasury to the amount  
 of the debt due to the public, with the Damages and expenses of such  
 sales in the first instance, from the money arising from the sale thereof.  
 I conceive the words of this Law furnish a full answer to the Gov-  
 ernor's enquiry. The expenses of advertising the lands sold for Taxes  
 ought most clearly to be defrayed out of the sales thereof."

GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, IN COUNCIL, TO JAMES INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL. 1791.

"The Executive request the favour of Attorney-General to inform them whether in his opinion the courts of the respective counties within this state, have authority by Law to make new elections of Commissioners of the Taxes at any stated periods, or at their Discretion, without any vacancy having happened by resignation or otherwise." In reply the Att'y-general says: "I do not think that the county courts have a right to exercise the powers above described. The Commissioners of the Taxes appear to me under the Laws to be entitled to continue in office, *dum bene se gesserant*, or during good behavior."

June 7th  
Powers of  
county  
courts

HENRY BANKS TO MAJOR JOHN PRYOR, LATE ORDINANCE OFFICER OF VIRGINIA. June 8th

Making enquiries in regard to certain cannon purchased by him from the late Gov. Harrison, as Executive of the State, and intended for the use of a ship, &c. In reply, Major Pryor says: "In the year 1782, when I was Com. Mil. stores, I accompanied Mr. Jno. Banks to W. Ham. to look at some cannon that lay at the ord. Foundry, w'h had been spiked & their Trunnions broke by the Enemy. He told me that he had the permission of the Executive or Colo. Davies, to take such as he thought would answer to fit out a vessel. Said Banks concluded to take some of them, but what number or size I have forgot."

Richmond  
Cannon left  
at Westham  
Foundry

In regard to question as to the terms of sale, says further, "I do not well remember the terms, but he thought then that they were of very little value as they lay. They were all spiked, and most of them had one or both Trunnions broke off, & appear'd quite new & never to have been tried, and I do think that such terms were not unreasonable, and as good as then could (have) been obtained."

JOHN STANLEY AND WM. RICHARDSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 9th

Humbly complaining, sheweth your petitioners, Inspectors of Tobacco at Meriweather's warehouse, New Castle, that in the year 1789, they have incurred a forfeiture of £500, for not accounting for the Tobacco exported from their warehouse during that year, & are now under the prosecution of the Solicitor general, & are remediless saving by the Interposition of the Hon'ble the Executive of this state, & think it advisable & proper thus to state simply their lease, & exhibit their

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Vouchers to the Board. Your petitioners aver that the above laches did not arise from any sort of Design to injure the Publick, but firmly imagined their annual salaries would at any rate be allowed them, which would have defrayed the publick duty on Tobacco, and moreover would have made easy every claim against them of a public nature, but lately conceived their error when it was too late to prevent the entering the Judgment against them for the s'd forfeiture, have only now this resource of pray a Remission of the s'd £500 at your Hands..

Annexed hereunto you will find not only the Treasurer's rec't for the duty, but the solicitor's also, for the Costs of the Judgments, whereby every claim is now discharged, except the s'd forfeiture, which we pray may be remitted, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c. To which is appended a testimonial of sundry citizens in favor of the petitioners in part, as follows: "In the highest estimation as we hold the Laws and Constitution of our Country, but in taking a survey of the Relative Connection existing between the *Governor & Governed*, we conceive that while protection is given to one, protection also ought to be given to the other.

Exactness  
required of  
public  
officers  
herein  
shown

For the guide of Inspectors the legislature have laid down a particular Duty to be observed; and a forfeiture (to be applied to public uses) for a non-performance of that Duty. The Inspectors in this case have unwarily incurred the forfeiture, depending on their salaries to defray the public acc'ts; but being mistaken in the Law in that case made & provided, have thereby subjected themselves to the prosecution of the Attorney-Gen'l, who has actually obtained a Judgment against them for the s'd forfeiture, which must have been incurred from an inoffensive Disposition, & not thro' design or intention to injure the publick. Now, Sirs, if the Destruction of two respectable citizens be preferable to the sum of five hundred pounds in the publick Treasury, then ought we to acquiesce & bewail their misfortune; but if the sum be inadequate to the sacrifice, then do we trust that the forfeiture will be remitted.

From these considerations then, we humbly conceive that a Remission of that forfeiture will be granted, as it may be done, we think, without any sort of Inconvenience to the publick, but of manifest advantage to the Inspectors."

Signed: Arch'd Dick,\* James & Benja. Oliver, Jas. Lyons, Rob't Fleming, John Syme, J'n'r, Nicholas Syme, Thos. Talley, Thos. Phillips, Henry Cobbett, Elisha Shepenson, David Cochrane, Frs. Irwin, Sam'l Crutchfield, Constantine Riddick, Jno. Kilhy, Thos. Taylor, Sam'l Richardson, J'n'r, Francis Taylor, Christo. & Rob't Johnston, Geo. Clark, Wm. B. Christian & Co.

\* NOTE.—Archibald Dick was a Revolutionary officer of merit. John Syme was half brother to Patrick Henry, and Lyons, Fleming, and Taylor and others, were prominent men at this date.

Sam'l Coleman enclosing to the Executive, approved, the account of 1791.  
Mr. Quarles, contractor to furnish the "Post at the Point of Fork" with June 9th  
provisions, &c.

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JOHN S. WELLS TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

June 10th

Reporting his inability to procure "a proper person" to undertake to  
collect delinquent taxes for the years 1788 & 1789, within a given time;  
but will continue his efforts, &c.

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Benj. Blunt desires information as to the construction of an Act of June 11th  
Assembly, passed in 1790, remitting all militia fines imposed "since the South-  
adoption of the Federal constitution." Does this include the period of ampton Co.  
time when the powers of the "old Confederation" ceased? Wants the  
opinion of the Executive.

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HENRY KNOX, SECRETARY AT WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. June 11th

In reply concerning defence of the western frontier of that State, War  
He will refer the points at issue to the President of the United States, Department  
(who is now absent); but in the meantime, must decline to furnish any Philadel-  
other articles required, except ammunition. This can be supplied from phia  
the Public Store, or an allowance granted for the purpose, to be  
accounted for "at the time for the adjustment of the accounts of the  
militia."

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WM. CLAIBORNE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

June 14th

Inclosing bill of costs of transportation to Philadelphia from Rich-  
mond, Va., &c.:

"Stage hire from Richmond to Phila., - - -	Dollars: 18½	Expence of travelling, &c.
Ditto for Trunk of papers which must go within the		
Stage, - - - - -	18½	
Expenses travelling, including ferriages, &c., &c., say, -	20	
	Dollars: 57	

## 1791. GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL JAMES INNES.

"Sir,

June 14th "The second section of the fourth article of the Constitution of  
In Council the United States, provides that a person charged in any State with  
First case of treason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from justice, shall on  
extradition demand of the Executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be  
discussed delivered up to be removed to the State having jurisdiction of the crime.

"The Executive, doubting as to the mode which it will be necessary to pursue in a case now before them, have determined to submit to your consideration the inclosed papers, and request that you will advise them what are the legal steps proper to be taken on the occasion.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obed't Serv't, &c."

The Attorney-General, after several days' consideration, returned to the Executive the following reply:

Sir,

The question you have stated for my advice seems to be confined to the manner of delivery & removal of persons charged in any state with treason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from Justice and be found in another state.

The Constitution requires that there should be a person or persons charged with a crime; that that crime should be one comprised within the 2nd Section of the fourth Article of the Constitution of the United States, and that such offender or offenders should be within the limits of this Commonwealth before a demand can be authorized. The charge in the sense here used, must be such an accusation as of itself furnishes a sufficient evidence of guilt to put the accused upon his trial, or to justify his immediate punishment. It cannot be an accusation founded on a mere suspicion, it must be founded on some Judicial Act. In this respect, the demand sent on by the Governor of Pennsylvania, may be proper if the crime stated in the Bills of Indictment, are sufficient to fall within the provision of the General Government.

It is not either Treason or Felony, (for the Indictments state the *taking away of the negro* to have been done *violently*, and not *feloniously*.) and other crimes must be confined to such as the State making the demand, possesses an exclusive Jurisdiction over; for if either the federal court, or the courts of the State into which the offenders may take refuge, are authorized to punish the offenders, there is no danger of an escape from Justice, and no reason for a demand. The delivery and removal is only to be made for the sake of a proper Jurisdiction, and therefore neither can be required from a *Jurisdiction that is proper*. There must be a defect in the Jurisdiction of which the demand is made, and

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an exclusive Jurisdiction in the State making the demand. The case stated in the Indictments transmitted by Governor Mifflin, would amount but to a trespass by our laws, as between the parties—as between the offenders and the Commonwealth, but to a breach of the Peace. In the first instance, the remedy follows the persons of the offenders into our State, and there is no defect of Jurisdiction here. In the latter case, the offenders may appear by Attorney to the Indictments; if they should be acquitted, there can be no occasion for the demand; if found guilty, and their personal presence should be necessary for their punishment, it will be then time enough to make a demand of them. I presume, in this respect the laws of Pennsylvania are assimilated to our own; if they are, then the offences stated do not appear to me to come within the description of crimes contained in the above cited section of the federal Constitution. As it is necessary that adequate proof, to fix the residence of the offenders against the laws of one State, to be within the limits of the State of which the demand is made, should precede such demand—for without that Evidence no right to demand can exist—so it becomes necessary that some proof of that fact ought to accompany the demand; otherwise the State of which the demand is made, will be forced to ascertain fact after the demand, which should have been the precedent basis on which any demand could rightfully be made. In Governor Mifflin's letter and its inclosures, no evidence is contained of this fact, and the demand might as well be made of Georgia as Virginia.

Let it be conceded, however, that the Constitution of the United States hath in all these requisites been satisfied, it is then required that the offenders should be delivered up to be removed to the State of Pennsylvania, possessing an exclusive Jurisdiction over their crimes; in what manner are they to be arrested for delivery? How are they to be removed? Every free man in Virginia is entitled to the unmolested enjoyment of his liberty, unless it be taken away by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or by the Constitution or laws of Virginia. No molestation, seizure, or removal of his person can take place but under the authority of these or some one of them. The Constitution and laws of the General Government, as well as those of this State, are silent on these important subjects. If the delivery and removal in question can be effected, it must be under the authority only of the Constitution of the United States; by that the delivery is required and the removal authorized, but the manner in which either shall be effected, is not prescribed. There must be a legal control over the persons demanded, before they can be delivered or removed; that control ought not to be acquired by any force not specified and delegated by positive law. Neither the Constitution of this or of the United States, nor the laws made under them, direct the mode or delegate an authority by which the magistracy of this State can acquire such a control. It there-

1791. fore can only be acquired by force; and that such an exercise of undelegated power over the liberties of freemen *would not be justifiable*, I am sure I need not add.

It is therefore my opinion that the Directions of the General Government, under which the Governor of Pennsylvania has made a demand for the delivery and removal of the persons mentioned in his letter, cannot be complied with by the Government of this State, without some additional provision by law to enable it to do so.

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully, Sir,  
Your mo. ob. Servant, &c.

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June 15th COL. THOMAS MARSHALL TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Kentucky Reminding him of his having "in January last" resigned his position as "Receiver for the District of Kentucky." After thanking him for the flattering terms in which the Governor had conferred the appointment, he adds my "son James will be at Richmond this fall to settle my accts." In consequence of his resignation, Sam'l McDowell of Mercer Co., recommends Capt. Thomas Barbee as a worthy successor to Col. Marshall. This is warmly seconded by Thos. Muter, Esq., writing from Danville, Kentucky.

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June 15th Griffin Stith and John Stratton Jr., make oath before John Harvie, Henrico Co. Justice, to the following statement, viz: that two men, named respectively, Ralph Singo, and James Richards, had in January last, in Accomack Co. been hung by a band of disguised men, numbering from six to fifteen. They were "hanged on a tree at a place called Matchesungo, near the sea shore, in the s'd County, &c.

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JOSEPH HORNSBY TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 15th Informing him that "the money advanced for the use of the Lunatic Hospital is all expended," and requesting an order on the Auditor for balance due the Hospital, according to the last order of the "Court of Directors of the said Hospital," &c.

Sam'l Coleman, Clerk, reports the number of scouts paid, from Russell County for the year 1789, as follows: \*Sam. Porter, 96 days; John Alley, 165 days; David Lewis, 10 days; Sam. Oxer, 84 days; John Dawson, 30 days; Austin Bush, 48 days." Does not know whether the claim of Alexander Ritchie, from 13th June, to 15th Aug., 1789 should be allowed. The claims for services for the year 1790, pertain rather to those settled by acts of Congress.

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GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA. June 20th

"Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your favor of the 4th Instant, which has been submitted to the Council of State. In the discussion of the demand made by you for the delivery of certain persons charged with an offence committed within the Jurisdiction of the state of Pennsylvania. Doubts have arisen as to the mode which it would be proper to pursue for arresting the persons so charged. In consequence of these doubts, the whole subject has been referred to the Attorney-General of this state. You will therefore be so good as to excuse the delay which this step must necessarily produce.

Richmond  
In Council

I have the honor, &c.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE EXECUTIVE.

June 20th

In regard to a claim of one William Ralston, against "the Foundry." On the books appears a balance of £7602, 5s, 5d., paper money due him, which "at 74 for one," will make £102, 14s, 7d. Requests consideration of the case.

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Office

Colo. Wm. Davies gives receipt to Mr. Wm. Claiborne for "a trunk in good order containing a number of public papers & accounts."

June 21st  
Philadel-  
phia

LONDON CARTER TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 25th

Begging a reprieve of his slave Branom, condemned to death. He had on a previous occasion Inclosed to his Excellency "a copy of the

Cleve

\* These scouts were employed in watching the hostile Indians, still very troublesome on the western limits of the state.



1791. proceedings of the Court of King George County, & sent it on to the  
 June 25th Bowling Green Stage." Assures the Governor he would not make this  
 King George application, but that the "worst of the villians had been acquitted,"  
 Co. and it will "nothing benefit the public to sacrifice this silly man" now  
 "under sentence to die this day week, the 2d of July." He adds, "I  
 implore mercy for the poor deluded prisoner, I to whom belongs all the  
 resentment for the injury. I request your indulgence, for that I con-  
 sider that Death in the end, is no punishment in itself; nor are the  
 effects on the beholders who flock as to a shew, to the place of execu-  
 tion, but momentary, as the punishment, &c."

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June 27th ALEX. HAMILTON TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.—(Circular).

Sir,  
 Philadel- The legislature of the United States have directed in the 18th section  
 phia of the act making provision for the public debt, that the payment of  
 Treasury Interest should be suspended in respect to the debt of any state,  
 Department which may have issued its own certificates for those of the United  
 States" until it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the  
 Treasury, that certificates issued for that purpose by such state, have  
 been re-exchanged or redeemed; "or until those which shall not have  
 been re-exchanged or redeemed shall be surrendered to the United  
 States. "I find it necessary therefore to request your attention to the sub-  
 ject, if the state of Connecticut has issued any such certificates as are con-  
 templated by the above recited Section, it will give certainty to the opera-  
 tions of the Treasury, and may prevent delays inconvenient to the  
 public creditors, if you will direct the proper officers to cause the state  
 of the facts as it regards Connecticut, to be made to appear to me.  
 Should this general suggestion be less explicit than you desire, I shall,  
 on being notified that it is your wish, point out more particularly the  
 documents that would appear to satisfy the law.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect, Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant, &c., &c.

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June 30th James Wood, Rob't Goode, and J. Dawson, Committee appointed to  
 examine the "Offices of the Treasurer, Auditor, and Solicitor-General,"  
 make report, 1st, That on account of the varied and numerous subjects  
 involved, the Solicitor has great difficulty in executing the duties of his  
 office. The balancies in specie are arranged, and will be transferred to  
 the Auditor's Office. By reason of difficulties attending collections, the  
 accounts against sherifs in paper money will still be long delayed, and

in most cases legal proceedings will have to be instituted before they can be finally settled. A Statement of Interest, costs, and damages on Judgements against delinquent shrits, will soon be delivered to the Auditor. Many claims against debtors already recovered, it is to be feared must remain uncollected, because of the insolvency of the debtors, or because of their having removed from the Commonwealth. These are known as "Duty Bonds." Many Injunctions have been gained against the Commonwealth's Judgement, but these bills of Injunction will soon be in the hands of the Attorney-General for his action. They find a number of suits against persons who have not accounted for monies received for recruiting purposes; and against others who have obtained certificates for pay, &c., upon forged vouchers not yet prosecuted, on account of insufficient evidence. Capt. Coleman, the clerk, will proceed at once under the proper authority to collect this evidence.

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The Committee find that the Cases of the Commonwealth have been from time to time continued to ensuing Terms of the Court, because partial payments have been made, thereby so much reducing the balances, that it was considered politic to exercise forbearance; in other cases, it has been found necessary to postpone action for want of sufficient evidence to support the motions of the Attorney, &c. They recommend that the Council reconsider the question of adjusting the accounts in paper money and in specie which have not already been committed to the Auditor. The Solicitor thinks the present plan "will not be in the least useful." They have directed the Auditor to furnish the solicitor with statements of accounts against any of the late naval officers who may be in arrears, to be proceeded against according to law.

The Committee, upon examination, have found the Auditor has duly performed the duties of his Office, entirely in accordance with the provisions of the Law, excepting only in one instance. In this latter, the duties under a certain section of the last enactment have been so insignificant as not to have attracted his attention. This will be arranged before the next meeting of the Council.

They find the Treasurer performing the duties of his Office with satisfaction; but he apprehends it will be necessary to form a committee who shall determine by the end of this fiscal year, "the amount of specie, tobacco, & certificates in the Treasury," and certify the same to the Assembly.

They recommend the continuance of the present system under which the several offices are conducted, from a conviction that with proper attention to business the public interest will continue to be forwarded.

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E. LANGHAM, SUPERINTENDENT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 1st

He is much in want of a Ton of Iron "suitable to forge bayonets, ramrods, &c.," and hopes the Board will allow him to purchase it by a

1791. warrant on the Treasury for payment of the same. Adds, "The President of the United States, by his Secretary, has requested me to have a brass Howitzer, (one of the Trophies of Saratoga,) removed from Halifax old Town to the Point of Fork, provided it meets with your approbation," &c. Desires a speedy reply as to this request.

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LONDON CARTER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Cleve Interceding again in behalf of his negro slave Branom, condemned to death, and enclosing "letters of countenance from four of the magistrates who sat on the Tryal, and the fifth was promised, but his absence from home twice that my servant waited on him, had deprived him of that unanimous approbation of my conduct, which would have done me honor before your Excellency and the Hon'ble Board," &c.

King George  
Co.

Negro slave  
pardoned

Bellisle, June 30th.

Sir,

I have just rec'd your circular Letter, together with Mr. Wood's directed to you, by which I find that is not customary for the Governor to grant a Pardon on the application of the master alone. I therefore sincerely join you in recommending the Prisoner Branom to the mercy of the Executive.

"I am, Sir,

"Your mo. Ob't servant,

W. STORKE."

"Chesnut Hill, June 29th.

"Dear Sir,

Character-  
istic letters  
in behalf of  
condemned  
negro

"Your circular letter of this date, inclosing one from Mr. James Wood, directed to you, was delivered me by your man Martin, from which I find an application to the Executive for a Reprieve for your negro Fellow Branham, now under sentence of Death by the Court of King George County. The Crime with which he was charged and the proof, occasioned my voice against him, but I well recollect at the time of Trial, you spoke highly in favour of the Fellows general good conduct, which has always occasioned him a favorite, and that this was the first offence of any degree of Magnitude. These circumstances would induce me to join with you in recommending the Fellow to the mercy of the Executive.

"I am, Sir,

"Y'r most obed't Serv't,

B. ASHTON."

"Pembroke, June 29th.      1791.

"Dear Sir,

"Martain delivered me your Circular Letter, enclosing me from Mr. James Wood, the contents of which I particularly attend to. I sincerely accord with you, and really compliment you upon your human principal, for I am confident you are actuated by that alone. Branom, I flatter myself, will be sufficiently intimidated by the late sentence pronounced against him, to prevent him from committing in future any other outrage, therefore from the good character he has heretofore supported, flatter myself the Executive will consider him an object of mercy. July 1st

"I am with much respect, D'r Sir,

"Your ob't, H'ble Serv't,

GEORGE FITZHUGH, Jr."

"Albion, June 29th.      July 2d

"Sir,

"Mr. Wood's favor of the 25th Instant to you, I have now before me, also yours of this day's date to me, both respecting the reprieve of your condemned slave Branom. I am really pleased at your having made application to his Excellency the Governor, for his pardon; but I am more so, at my being instrumental towards the obtaining it. Therefore hope the honorable Board will be induced to pardon him.

"I am, Sir, with respect,

"Your most obed. servant,

TOWNSH'D DADE."

The Governor in Council rejects the application of certain citizens of Fauquier County in behalf of negro George, condemned to death for arson, &c. The case is fully set forth in the following statements:

"To the Honourable the Governor & Counsel of Virginia:

"Gentlemen,

"By being pressed with the sense of Humanity and a feeling for mankind in General, and one of the magistrates that sat on the trial of negro George, a man-slave, the property of Mr. Thomas Maddox, for being privy to the Burning of Mr. Charles Marshal's House, do say that from the nature of the Testimony that was deliver'd from negro Ben, the property of Mrs. Rosser, who was the only witness that

Case of  
negroes con-  
demned to  
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had wait with the Court and other Concurring circumstances, tho' Ben's Testimony was deliver'd in a very equivocal manner, did say after some length of time that George has apply'd to him for Advice, and also Engin'd him to secrecy; then told him that Mr. Chas. Marshall's House must be Burnt, and Expressed some uneasiness on the account, telling the said Ben that his young master, Richard, said it must be burnt and by such a day, for their was papers in the House that must be destroy'd; not knowing the Carrector of the said Ben, was induced to give my Opinion for convicting the said negro George, but must confess that I did it with reluctance—being since informed of the carrector of the said Ben, find him to be a very ill-disposed Fellow, pretending to be a Cunneger & forting-teller; and also in the time of the war did make an attempt to recruite a company of negroes to Joine the British, and was tried and ordered one Hundred lashes. This has induced me to think what he had told before the Court was false. I therefore recommend the said negro George as an object of Pittey.

“And am, with Due Respect,

“Your Honner's Ob't Serv't,

“FRANCIS TRIPLETT.”

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“Fauquier Court House, 30th June, 1791.

“May it please your Honours, I was one of the Court that set on the Trial of George, a slave belonging to Mr. Thomas Maddox, and Molly, a slave, the Property of Mr. Charles Marshall, for Feloniously burning the Dweling-house of the said Marshal. Molly, on her Examination, confess'd herself Guilty of Burning the s'd house, and say'd she was Persuad'd so to do by the s'd George, her Husband, but on Trial the Court did not admit her as-*Proper Evidence*. The only witness that appear'd against the Crimonal, George, was Ben, a slave, the Property of Mrs. Rosser, that had weight with me. This Fellow Pretends to be a conjourer or fortune-teller; his Testimony, in my opinion, was Deliver'd in a very Equivocal manner. After some considerable time spent in delivering his witness, he say'd he knew the house was to be burnt. (I then ask'd him how he had Gain'd his knowldg—whether by his art as a conjourer, or did any Person Inform him so?) His answer was, Partly, and Proceeded to say that George, the Crimonal, Told him a few days before the Trial that the house must be burnt, and that he, the s'd George must burn it; that his master Richard, meaning a son of the s'd Thomas Madox, wou'd have it so, and that the Papers must also be burnt; on which the s'd George was sentenced to Death. On the nigher approach to their Execution, the s'd Molly I am Informed, has been Frequently heard to say that George was Innocent, as far as she knew,

of having knowldg of the burning the house. I was yesterday at the Court House. She Express'd a desire to speake to me—I went to the Prison window; she there Told me that her husband, George, was Innocent of the Crime as far as she knew, and did not know how she came to Crimonate him. What her motives may be for Retracting, I know not. I only mean to Resite Facts to your Honours as they appear to me; and although the s'd Molly was not admitted as a witness on the Trial of the s'd George, what she had say'd so corresponded with the Testimony of Ben, did not altogether loos its weight with me. I have long been acquainted with Ben, the witness, and have but a pore opinion of his Integrity. I am therefore of opinion that the life of a man is Sacred, and aught not to be Touch'd Except on the most Claire and unequivocal Testimony. On mature Consideration I confess my Doubts on the occation, and mean to Reflect on no Person's Judgement but my own.

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"I have Thought it my Duty to give this Information to your Honours. His life is in your hands. Dispose of it in what way your Wisdoms may suggest, I shall be satisfied.

"I am, with all Due Esteem,

"Your Honours' most ob't & Humbl. Serv't,

"WILLIAM PICKETT."

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PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF FAUQUIER COUNTY TO THE GOVERNOR.

To the Hon'ble Beverly Randolph, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the members of the Privy Council, The petition of the inhabitants of Fauquier humbly sheweth:

That sometime in the present year, the dwelling house of Charles Marshall was voluntarily and maliciously set on fire and consumed; that the culprits, a negro wench, the property of the said Charles Marshall, and a negro Fellow, the property of Thomas Maddox, have since been apprehended, and upon full proof of their guilt, been condemned by seven Justices of the Court of Fauquier to suffer death. That your Petitioners have been informed that a petition is now handed about praying for a reprieve from the Executive for the life of the said negro man, who is condemned upon satisfactory proof of his guilt when abstracted from the confession of his wife, who pleads guilty and was condemned from her own confession. Your petitioners conceive that from the character and conduct of the said negro man since his confinement, that should he be pardoned, offences of a similar nature wil probably thro' his means be perpetrated upon others, that having once been prevailed upon to commit so dangerous a crime, should he now go unpunished (with a

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total deprivation of character & his resentments ranceling in his breast), it is probable the lives of such witnesses as appeared against him will fall a sacrifice to his malice, and the property of all persons giving him or his abettors offence will be placed in a very precarious situation.

Your Petitioners therefore submit to your Honors, if a pardon ought to be granted the said negro man, & will ever pray for the peace & dignity of the Commonwealth.

James Bell, Rich'd McChichister, Dudley Digges, Francis Brooke, Jos. Wethers, Elias Edmunds, j'n'r., Iss. Pawling, Thos. Roy, Elias Edmunds, Gustavus Horner, John Bell, John Turner, Gideon Johnston, W. Fitzhugh, George Lowry, Thos. Vetson, Wm. Horner and Orriek Chilton.

To the Honourable, the Governor and Council of Virginia:

We, your Petitioners, humbly sheweth, that whereas a negro man-slave named George, the property of Mr. Thomas Maddux, is now under sentence of Death by the worshipful Court of Fauquier, for being accused of being privy to the burning of Mr. Charles Marshalls' House, of the County aforesaid. Your Petitioners being sensible from the character of, together with the small Confidence we Repose in the Evidence produced against him, that the said George is innocent of the crime laid to his charge, and on the part and in behalf of the said malefactor, do beg Mercy and Forgiveness at your Hands; the only evidence against him was a negro man named Benjamin (the property of Mrs. Rossee), who said six or eight months past he heard said George say that Mr. Marshall's house must be burned, and the said Benjamin (immediately after the Court adjourned), whose character being made notorious, was order'd by one of the Justices of the Peace thirty-nine stripes. These considerations together with the great value of the life of man (the Innocent in particular), are the motives inducing your Humble Petitioners to trouble your Honours with this Petition, pleading for mercy and forgiveness, and your Petitioners shall ever most humbly pray.

Sam'l Watson, William Stewart, Eppa Timberlake, Linny Edwards, Andrew Obanyon, John Waller, Cuth. H. Scott, Enoch ———, Wm. Strange, Wm. Jones, John Churchill, sn'r, Hy. Hampton, Alex. Lyon, Wm. Lyon, snr.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia:

This is to certify that George, a negro man-slave, the property of Mr. Thos. Maddux of Fauquier county, who now stands sentenced to be hung was in my possession one year before the said Thomas Maddux purchased him (during which time I never had any reason to charge him, the s'd negro George with any kind of misconduct whatsoever), and

have lived a near neighbour to Mr. Maddux ever since he has been in possession of s'd negro George; during his bean Mr. Maddux's slave I have never none him to be charged with any disorderly Conduct in any one respect or other, and I do believe from the knowledge I have of negro Ben, whose Testimony condemn'd George to be hung, that George is positively Clare of the charge given him by negro Ben. From my knowledge of s'd negro Ben, who lives within a mile of my Residence, and has for many years; S'd Ben openly Professes To be a congerer, and I believe him to be a notorious villian and that it is his General character by every one that ever I heard say anything about him, and I believe what Ben give in testimony against negro George was thro' predigiss, for to my positive knowledg, and others, he, the s'd Ben told two stories in giving in his Testamony at the bar.

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## EPAPHRODITUS TIMBERLAKE,

In the fiftieth year of his age, Fauquier County, 6 June, 1791.

"To the Hon'ble Beverly Randolph, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the members of the Privy Council, the Petition of the Subscriber, Justices of the County Court of Fauquier, humbly sheweth:

That we were summoned to attend a call Court, for the trial of a negro woman, the property of Thomas Maddux, who was arraigned & tried for having voluntarily & maliciously set on fire and consumed the dwelling house of the said Charles Marshall.

That we the subscribers, did with caution and deliberation examine the testimony adduced, and were then most decidedly of an opinion that both the said slaves were guilty, & therefore passed judgment of death against them, & that no mitigating circumstance has since been made known to us, by which that judgment is by any means to be impeached. That Thomas Maddux, the master of the man slave, has applied to some of the subscribers to Petition the Hon'ble Executive to Reprieve the said negro man, which has been refused, because they were of opinion that the s'd negro was guilty, and thought a pardon granted for an offence of that sort would have a dangerous tendency among the slaves in the neighborhood, & that similar offences might be committed by the said negro man. That the other subscribers to whom no application has been made by the said Thos. Maddux, would not sign the Petition, if presented for the same reasons. They therefore submit it to your Hon'ble Body, whether a reprieve ought to be granted, and will ever pray for the Peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth.

"Edward Digges, Aylett Buckner, Jeremiah Damall, Thomas Diggs.



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CHARLES MARSHALL TO WM. MARSHALL, RICHMOND.

With request that if Wm. Marshall should be absent, Mr. John Marshall, (chief Justice,) is requested to open this letter and attend to the business.

Sir,

I am informed letters have been written to the Executive by Capt. Pickett, and Francis Triplitt, praying a reprieve for the negro fellow who is now under condemnation for burning my house. I am therefore under the necessity of again reminding the Executive of the dangerous situation in which I shall stand, should this be effected. The greatest objection these two merciful Gentlemen have to the Execution of George, is that the witness upon whose evidence he was condemned, does not deserve credit; that he was a fellow of bad character, a conjurer, and fortune teller.

The witness has long lived in this neighborhood, and as far as general report can establish credit, he stands unimpeached for veracity and integrity. He has lately pretended to be a fortune teller, for which he often receives a dram or some other trifle. This however was fully investigated on the trial, & still his credit was not in the opinion of Capt. Pickett & Triplitt, impaired.

An argument has been urged that the witness was an insurgent during the war, and attempted to levy troops, for which he received chastisement. This circumstance as far as it was true, was also known, I believe to the County in general; but I cannot conceive that to be an argument against his credibility. He did one evening when drunk, (as I have been informed,) propose to enlist one negro, for which he received a flogging. It has also been stated that the wench was not admitted as a witness, but still her confession has weight upon Capt. Pickett's mind, and induced him to condemn the fellow, & that she has since been heard to acquit George of being in any manner concerned. True it is she has at short intervals denied it. The owner of the fellow is the keeper of the Jail. Testimony bore very hard against part of his family and he will not suffer any person to hold conversation with either of the criminals, without being watched. The family have also been heard to caution the fellow against a confession. They have therefore prevailed upon this wench to deny that her husband was guilty, in order to obtain his reprieve. The wench has also been cautioned by the same persons against a confession, after she had made it in the fullest manner. I expect the conversation alluded to by Capt. Pickett, was a lesson taught them in order that it might be overheard by a person who was carried to the window by the owner of the man slave, & through that means made impressions favorable to a reprieve. I am strengthened in this opinion from a circumstance which happened. One of the guards who

is a young man of very fair character, did at a dead time of night when the criminal had no reason to suppose any person was awake, overhear a conversation between them. They then each requested the other to restore my property, and by that means save themselves. This if thought necessary, can be proved. George at the same time, mentioned his confession could not avail any thing, as he could not be a witness against white people.

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Capt. Pickett & Colo. Triplett have with a great deal of caution, omitted mentioning the witness having been very intimate in Maddux's family for a considerable time past, and his being sent for a few days after their negro was apprehended, to consult in what manner his life could be saved. This however was in evidence on the trial, and confessed by the family. They have also forgot, when stating the evidence, one other very material circumstance in my estimation. That the witness the Sunday before my house was burnt, came to my wife and informed her the day on which it would be destroy'd and desired her to be cautious. He then described the persons who had the burning in contemplation. When he was interrogated upon this subject in Court, his reason for not being more explicit by giving up the names, he said he thought the mode w'h he had fallen on would answer the same purpose, and he was afraid of being murdered had he mentioned the names.

Enclosed you will receive two petitions, which I should be obliged to you to lay before the Executive immediately. I consider myself in danger of assassination, should this fellow escape to go at large in the neighborhood, irritated as he is against me. There may be a chance for me to obtain my property if they are not reprieved.

Maddux will also send down a Petition stating the foulest falsehoods, and subscribed by a set of persons not knowing or caring what they did.

I am y'rs aff'ty.

Sam'l Coleman informs the Governor that he has examined the accounts of the superintendents at that place, and finds the condition of his Pay-Rolls correct. His account for "stocking 637 muskets, is two hundred, twelve pounds, six shillings & eight pence." For contingent purposes, "ten pounds, two shillings & four pence" still remain in his hands, &c.

July 5th  
Point of  
Fork

GEORGE JACKSON\* TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

July 5th

Complaining of the conduct of the High Sheriff of that County. In a suit for slander against himself, this officer had caused to be carried to

Harrison  
County

\* From all the information now at hand, this person must have been the great uncle of T. J. Jackson—(Stonewall Jackson).

1791. the jury, concealed in a tea-kettle, a quantity of ardent spirits with  
 July 5th which they made merry over his case. The jury found a verdict in his  
 Corruption favor, but set the damages at only seven shillings. Indisposed persons  
 of officers at the last elections had used this circumstance to his injury, by saying  
 the County of Harrison was represented by a gentleman, whose character  
 was valued at seven shillings. Having found this out only within  
 the past ten or twelve days, he has thought it proper to report the facts  
 to the Executive, and ask for redress in the premises, &c.

July 6th

## LEIGHTON WOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Having duly attended to the last and necessary business, in accord-  
 Solicitor's ance with his previous letter to his Excellency, he now requests "per-  
 office mission to resign the office of Solicitor," sensible of the indulgence  
 granted him in his last illness.

July 7th

## J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Enclosing decree of the General Court in the matter of certain \*State  
 military officers claiming half pay and commutation under certain act or  
 acts of the Gen'l Assembly, and requesting Instructions as to whether  
 he shall take this decision to the "High Court of Appeals," &c.

July 8th

## GOVERNOR RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Richmond "Sir,  
 Council I do myself the Honour to inclose you a copy of the opinion of  
 Chamber the Attorney-General of this State upon the subject of your letter of the  
 4th ulto., demanding the delivery of Baldwin Parsons, Francis McGuire,  
 and Absalom Wells, charged with forcibly seizing and carrying from the  
 County of Washington in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a certain  
 free negro man named John, with an intention of selling him.

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\*The following names appear on this list: John Minson Galt, Senior Field surgeon; Thomas Carter, Surgeon of Cavalry under Colo. Dabney; — Barron, heir-at-Law of James Barron; Gabriel Maupin, keeper of the Public magazines at Wm. burg; John Nelson, late major in cavalry; Thomas Quarles, a Lieutenant in Col. Dabney's Legion; Wm. Graves, Cornet & Quarter-Master of cavalry in Dabny's Legion; James Markham, Captain in the Marine Service of State, and Thomas Quack, major in the Va. State Line, &c.

Your Excellency will readily perceive that the opinion of the first law officer of the State must preclude the Executive from taking any measures for apprehending and delivering the persons demanded by you. 1791.  
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It is to be lamented that no means have been provided for carrying into effect so important an Article of the Constitution of the United States. This case will, however, we hope be the means of calling the Attention of the Legislature to a subject of such consequence.

I am, Sir, with great Respect, &c.

Copied from the Records.

Attest:

SAM'L COLEMAN, A. C. C.

J. MADISON, President of the Board of Directors of the Hospital for Insane Persons, to Gov. RANDOLPH. July 9th

Drawing on the Executive for supply of money necessary for the support of the Hospital, and dwelling upon the absolute necessity for such aid. Enclosing also an acc't of fifty pounds in favor of "Richard Cole, as full compensation for himself and one guard," for bringing a lunatic from the County of Woodford (Kentucky at this time). Williams-  
burg

JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR. July 10th

"Sir,

I do not think one Auditor is legally competent to discharge the duties incident to the office of Solicitor. The Law of 1785, for the reform of certain public boards, empowers the Executive, sub modo, to devolve the functions of that Department on two Auditors in common with the Treasurer, but I am not acquainted with any act of assembly which capacitates one Auditor *alone* to act as Solicitor." Richmond

E. Langham, Supt. P. of Fork, requests the Governor to order the payment of thirty pounds, being the sum necessary "to procure a ton of suitable iron." July 11th  
Richmond

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DD. STUART TO GOV'R RANDOLPH.

"Dear Sir,

July 11th  
Hope Park  
near  
Alexandria

\*It being the intention of the Commissioners to draw on you for as much of the money granted by the assembly for the erection of the Public buildings, as they can be informed is ready. I am desired, previous to this step to make the enquiry from you.

Major L'Enfant is about drawing a model for the house of Legislature. I have mentioned to him the one sent in by Mr. Jefferson, which he desires to see. If there is no impropriety in it, I would beg you to send it to him by the stage. His residence is at Geo. Town. If not adopted it shall be returned immediately."

I am Sir, very sincerely,

Your most obt. Servant.

July 12th  
Richmond

Sam'l Shepard, Clerk, enclosing to the Governor proceeds of sales of "Public Bonts and Gosport Lands," in account with Leighton Wood, Solicitor, &c., and asking for receipt for the amount of said Sales—the funds having been deposited in the Treasury by said Solicitor, &c.

July 15th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY AT WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

"Sir,

War  
Department

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the force destined for the offensive operations of the campaign northwest of the Ohio has been raised, marched, and the greater part arrived on the waters of the Ohio, and that the rendezvous will be at Fort Washington during the present month.

The regular force which will be assembled, is considered as sufficient for the objects to be accomplished. But a more extensive combination of the Indian nations, and other circumstances not estimated, may render it otherwise.

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\*The writer is here referring to the money voted by the several States for the erection of the buildings necessary at the new National Capital. Major L'Enfant was a distinguished Engineer who came over with the Count de Rochambeau. After serving in the Revolution, he was employed in laying off the City of Washington, which he did under direction of Gen'l Washington. The model here spoken of, was the same modified copy of the "Maison Carré," at Nîmes, France, which had been sent by Mr. Jefferson for the proposed Capitol building at Richmond. There is no evidence it was ever sent as requested by Mr. Stuart. The present Capitol at Richmond was modeled from this building.

In this case the Commanding-General is authorized to call for such numbers and species of militia from Kentucky, as the nature of the case may require. The President of the United States has commanded me to make this communication to your Excellency, and request that if there are any measures on the part of the Executive of Virginia which would add efficiency to the call of the General, in case it should be made, that you would be pleased to issue the directions accordingly. 1791. July 15th

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect,  
Your most humb. Serv't, &c., &c.

Thos. Newton, J'n'r, informs the Governor that he has just returned "from the Cape." Mr. McComb is hard at work raising the stone, according to contract. But he has great difficulty because of the sand, which rolls back into the excavations almost as fast as he removes it. This has to be done by means of wheel-barrows. The sand frequently has to be carried fifty yards in order to facilitate the work, &c. The cost will thus be much increased, and will have to be settled by "indifferent arbitrators." Mr. McComb talks sometimes of getting stone "from the quarry"; but he encourages his perseverance in the present work, &c. July 18th Norfolk, Va.

GOV. THOMAS MIFFLIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO GEORGE WASHINGTON, ESQ., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. July 18th

"Sir,

I think it proper to lay before you, copies of the various documents respecting an application which I have recently made to the Governor of Virginia, requiring agreeably to the provision contained in the second section of the fourth article of the constitution of the United States, that he would take proper measures for apprehending Francis McGinire, Absalom Wells and Baldwin Parsons as fugitives from Justice, in order that they might be delivered up to this State, having jurisdiction of their crime. The opinion which the Attorney-General of Virginia has given upon this subject, as far as respects the nature of the offence is *inaccurate*, and could not have been given with a *previous knowledge* of the law of Pennsylvania on the subject. For by an act of assembly, passed on the 29th day of March, 1788, the offence charged, in the several indictments, is rendered highly criminal, and the perpetrators, on conviction in any court of Quarter Sessions (a Court of criminal Jurisdiction exclusively), are not only condemned to forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds, but are subject likewise to be confined at hard labor for any time, not less than six months, nor more than twelve months.

Philadelphia

1791. The fact charged therefore is a crime, made such by the laws of Penn-  
 July 18th sylvania; *partaking of the nature of a felony*, it is certainly included in the  
 Philadelphia constitutional description of "treason, felony or other crime," and altho'  
 an action of trespass might be maintained in Virginia by the injured  
 individual to recover damages for his personal wrongs, yet it is obvious  
 that *no indictment, no trial, no conviction, no punishment in the public name*  
*could take place* according to the provisions of our Legislature, but un-  
 der the authority of Pennsylvania, within her jurisdiction, and in the  
 County where the offence was committed. It is equally certain that  
 the laws of the State in which the act is committed must furnish the  
 rule to determine its criminality, and not the laws of the State in which  
 the fugitive from Justice happens to be discovered.

I mean not however, Sir, to enter into any further controversy upon  
 this point, it is sufficient to explain it, But as the Attorney-General of  
 Virginia has suggested another difficulty with respect to the mode of  
 arresting persons demanded as fugitives from Justice, I have therefore  
 thought the present a proper occasion to bring the subject into your view,  
 that by the interposition of the Federal Legislature (to whose considera-  
 tion you may be pleased to submit it), such regulations may be established,  
 as will in future obviate all doubt and embarrassment upon a constitu-  
 tional question so delicate and important.

I have the honor to be, &c.

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July 18th EXTRACT OF A LAW OF PENNSYLVANIA ENCLOSED TO THE GOVERNOR  
 OF VIRGINIA, BY GOVERNOR MIFFLIN.

Philadelphia "Section 7. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,  
 Secretary's That if any person or persons shall from and after the passing of this  
 office act, by force or violence take and carry or cause to be taken or carried,  
 or shall by fraud seduce or cause to be seduced any negro or mulatto  
 from any part or parts of this state, to any other place or places what-  
 soever, with a design and intention of selling and disposing, or of caus-  
 ing to be sold, or of keeping and detaining or of causing to be, as a slave  
 or servant for term of years, every such person or persons, their aiders  
 and abettors, shall on conviction thereof in any Court of Quarter ses-  
 sions for any City or county within this Commonwealth, forfeit and pay  
 the sum of one hundred pounds to the overseer of the poor of the City  
 or Township from which such negro or mulatto shall have been taken  
 or seduced as aforesaid, and shall also be confined at hard labour for any  
 time not less than six months nor more than twelve months, and untill  
 the costs of prosecution shall be paid."

"I certify that the foregoing is a faithful extract from an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania entitled an act to explain and amend an act entitled an act for the gradual abolition of slavery, passed on the 29th day of March, in the year 1788."

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"A. J. DALLAS, Secretary."

## GOVERNOR MIFFLIN TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

July 19th

"Sir,

"I received your Excellency's letter, inclosing the opinion of the Attorney-General of the state of Virginia, upon the Constitutional requisition which I made for apprehending and delivering up Francis McGuire, Absalom Wells, Baldwin Parsons, as fugitives from the justice of Pennsylvania, and I have submitted the subject to the consideration of the President of the United States, in hopes that by an interposition of the Federal Legislature, the difficulty with respect to the mode of arrest may for the future be removed.

Phila-  
delphia

As I do not mean to involve the States in any further controversy on the present occasion, I shall not trouble your Excellency with a minute discussion of the other points contained in the opinion of the Attorney-General, but as matter of explanation and information, I think it proper to transmit to you a copy of the letter which I addressed to the President, and an extract from a Law of Pennsylvania, relative to the offence with which McGuire and his associates are charged."

I have the honor to be with perfect respect, Sir,

Your most obed. & most H'ble Servt., &c., &c.

"Know all men by these presents, that I, John Pendleton, Nathan Anderson, John Mayo, William Foushee, and Bernard Markham, are held and firmly bound unto Beverly Randolph, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the time being, and to his successors for the use of the said Commonwealth, in the just and full sum of ten thousand pounds current money of Virginia; to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Beverly Randolph, or his successors, his or their attorney, for the use of the said Commonwealth as aforesaid, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our joint and several Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with our respective seals, and dated this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred ninety-one.

July 20th  
New Kent  
County

John Pen-  
dleton made  
Solicitor,  
and bond  
given



1791.       Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An act to  
July 20th   amend the several Acts of Assembly concerning naval officers and the  
New Kent   collection of Duties," it is enacted That the Solicitor shall enter Bond,  
with sufficient securities payable to the Governor for the time being, in  
the sum of ten thousand pounds, conditioned for the faithful perform-  
ance of the Duties of his office, and for the payment of public monies by  
him received; and whereas the said John Pendleton, J'n'r, hath been  
appointed Solicitor as aforesaid, now the Condition of the above obli-  
gation is such, that if the said John Pendleton, J'n'r, shall well and truly  
and faithfully perform the Duties of his said office as solicitor as afore-  
said, in all matters and things touching the same, and especially shall  
well and truly and faithfully pay, or cause to be paid into the Public  
Treasury, or to any Person legally appointed for that purpose, all monies  
by him received in the course of his office for public use, and especially  
such monies as may be received under the above recited Act, then this  
obligation shall be void, but otherwise remain in full Force & Virtue.

JOHN PENDLETON,  
NATHANIEL ANDERSON,  
JOHN MAYO,  
W. FOUSHEE,  
BERNARD MARKHAM.

Sealed and Delivered in presence of—

Att. J. CARTER, J'n'r.

"Oath of fidelity:

"I, John Pendleton, do solemnly promise & swear that  
I will impartially & honestly execute the duties of the Office of Solici-  
tor, to which I have been appointed, according to the best of my skill  
& Judgment. So help me God."

"At a Court for New Kent County, the 14th day of July, 1791:

"John Pendleton, Gentleman, produced to the Court his appoint-  
ment to the Office of Solicitor-General of this State, and was thereupon  
sworn according to law.

"A copy:

"WILL. CLAYTON, C. N. K. C."

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July 20th   EDMUND RANDOLPH, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO PRESIDENT WASHINGTON.

Sir,

Phila-  
delphia

The Secretary of State yesterday submitted to me by your in-  
structions, copies of the letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania to you,

& of his correspondence with the Governor of Virginia, on the demand of Francis McGuire, Baldwin Parsons & Absalom Wells as fugitives from Justice. 1791. July 20th

This demand is founded on that article of the federal constitution, which directs that "a person *charged* in any State with treason, felony or other crime, who shall *flee from Justice* and be found in another State shall on the demand of the Executive authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having *jurisdiction of the crime.*"

He must be *charged*. This term is sufficiently technical to exclude any wanton or unauthorized accusation from becoming the basis of the demand. It would, in the language of mere legal entries, be applicable where a bill has been found by a grand jury. It must be interpreted under the constitution, as at least requiring some sanction to be given to the suspicion of guilt by a previous investigation. In the present instance, a grand jury convened before two of the justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania have made it, and thus have furnished a ground for bringing the foregoing persons to a formal trial. Should such a procedure as this be declared incompetent as a charge, the object of this article in the constitution must be either defeated or be truly oppressive. For between an indictment and an actual trial, there is no intermediate examination of the fact; and to wait for the condemnation of an absent culprit before a demand, would compel a judgement to be rendered behind his back. Outlawry indeed may be practiced sometimes, but it cannot be always pursued, and even where it is pursued, it stamps the offence with no higher appearance of truth than a true bill received from the grand jury.

The person charged must be also charged with a *crime*. That the supposed conduct of McGuire & others is a crime under the laws of Pennsylvania; the very respectable Attorney-General of Virginia has not been informed. It is punishable by a fine & hard labor.

The first process is a *capias*. Outlawry is inadmissible on it, & the offender cannot appear by his attorney. Some doubt may perhaps be entertained, whether according to a known rule of construction, the words "or other crime," being associated with treason & felony, ought not to be confined to crimes having some quality common to them & treason and felony. Such a common quality does not exist, unless it be that of felony itself. Why then are the words "or other crime" added, if felonies alone were contemplated? In the penal code of almost every state, the catalogue of felonies is undergoing a daily diminution. But it is not by the class of punishment that the malignity of an offence is always to be determined. Crimes going deep into the public peace may bear a milder name & consequence; and yet it would be singular to shelter those who were guilty of them, because they were not called and punished as felonies.

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The person charged with a crime must also flee from justice. Some species of proof is indispensable, otherwise the most innocent citizen may be carried in chains from his own to another state. It cannot be denied that every assertion of a Governor ought to produce assent. But upon a judicial subject, testimony according to the judicial course, is alone adequate, & the demand is the only thing which is referred to an executive absolutely. The Governor of Virginia is responsible for the just use of his discretion; & if he should yield to the informal evidence, he must yield at his peril.

With every respectful deference, therefore for the communications of the Governor of Pennsylvania, he ought to exact the return of a public officer on some process, or an affidavit, before he takes measures for apprehending McGuire & others. On this occasion however, the Governor of Pennsylvania builds his demand on the documents transmitted to the Governor of Virginia, not one of which has the semblance of proof that they do flee from justice. Permit me too to observe, Sir, that the Governor of Pennsylvania is perhaps not apprised of a fact which the prothonotary of the supreme court of Pennsylvania has this moment stated to me in writing, to-wit: that in the spring of 1790, he issued writs of *capias* against them; that it was returned that McGuire & Parsons *were not found*, and that Wells was taken and committed, & that nothing was done at the last session in those cases. Now this is no complete proof that even McGuire and Parsons have fled from justice. It manifests that Wells has not fled, and it evinces the necessity of caution in branding a man as a deserter of a fair trial.

The person charged with a crime must not only flee from justice, but he must be *found* in another state. At first it may seem unimportant, whether he be so found or not; because if he be not there, he can sustain no injury from an arrest. I will not decide how far his character may suffer, if he be proclaimed throughout a state as a fugitive, when he may never have entered it; nor yet what other inconveniences he may undergo. But if the probability of these be striking, he ought not to be hunted for by public authority at random. The expence, although afterwards repaid, and the trouble, which cannot be avoided in the pursuit, ought not to be carelessly thrown on a sister state. Hence it is made a prerequisite to a demand, that the culprit shall be found in the state; that is, that some satisfaction be given, that government will not be put upon a frivolous search. In this case, no legal exhibit is shewn to this effect; nay, it is presumable that Wells remains in the custody of Pennsylvania.

The person charged with a crime, fleeing from justice, and found in another state, is to be delivered up to be removed to the state *having jurisdiction*. In this place I am compelled to differ from the Attorney-General of Virginia in two points. He is pleased to affirm that to support the demand, "There must be a defect in the jurisdiction of the

state from which the demand is made, & an exclusive jurisdiction in the state making the demand," and that "the Executive of Virginia cannot comply with such demand, until more additional provisions by Law, shall enable them to deliver up the offenders."

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It is notorious that the crime is cognizable in Pennsylvania only; for crimes are peculiarly of a local nature. Therefore his two conditions are here fulfilled: namely, a defect of Jurisdiction in Virginia, & an exclusive jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. But if it were conceived that Virginia might chastize offences against Pennsylvania, or that an action might be maintained in Virginia, for what is a crime in Pennsylvania, it would not follow that the latter could not demand a malefactor from the former, for the clause in the constitution was obviously dictated by a wish to prevent that distrust which one state would certainly harbor against another in situations so capable of abuse. Besides it corresponds with the words of the constitution if the state demanding, has a jurisdiction; although it might not be an exclusive one. And these observations would have equal weight, if the federal courts in Virginia could animadvert on crimes arising within the limits of Pennsylvania. But the Constitution directs that trials "shall be held in the state where the crime shall have been committed."

I differ farther in not discovering the disability of Virginia to deliver up the offender. It has been sometimes fancied that by delivering up, is meant only that the State from which the demand is made, should express an approbation that they may be apprehended within its territories. But as a State cannot be said to deliver up, without being active, and it might disturb the tranquility of one State, if the officers of another were at liberty to seize a criminal within its limits; the natural & safe interpretation is, that the delivery must come from Virginia.

To this duty the executive of that State offers no objection, but they contend that her own Constitution and laws and those of the U. States being silent as to the manner & particulars of arrest & delivery, they cannot as yet, move in the affair.

To deliver up is an acknowledged federal duty, and the law couples with it, the right of using all incidental means in order to discharge it. I will not inquire here how far these incidental means, if opposed to the constitution or laws of Virginia, ought, notwithstanding, to be exercised; because McGuire & his associates may be surrendered without calling upon any public officer of that State. Private persons may be employed & clothed with a special authority. The Attorney-General agrees that a law of the United States might so ordain, & wherein does a genuine distinction consist between a power deducible from the constitution, as incidental to a duty imposed by that constitution, & a power given by Congress as an auxiliary to the execution of such a duty? Money indeed must be expended, & a State may suspend its exertions until the preliminary proofs are adduced. I cannot undertake to foresee whether

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the expending State will be reimbursed. If the constitution will uphold such a claim, it will doubtless be enforced. If it will not, it must be remembered that that instrument was adopted with perfect free will.

From these premises I must conclude that it would have been more precise in the Governor of Pennsylvania to transmit to the Governor of Virginia, an authenticated copy of the law declaring the offence; that it was essential that he should transmit sufficient evidence of McGuire & others having fled from the Justice of the former and being found in the latter; that without that evidence, the executive of Virginia ought not to have delivered them up; that with it, they ought not to refuse.

The Governor of Pennsylvania, however, appears to be anxious that this matter should be laid before Congress; & perhaps such a step might content all scruples. But at any rate, I can find no obligation nor propriety which can warrant the interposition of the President at this stage of the business. A single letter has gone from the Governor of Pennsylvania to the Governor of Virginia. A compliance has been denied, & the denial has proceeded from a deficiency of proof in two instances, from a misapprehension of fact in another, & probably untenable reasoning in some others. This deficiency then, ought to be supplied by the Governor of Pennsylvania, and the fact which has been mistaken, placed on its true footing. As to any inaccuracy of reasoning, the President can do no more than shew to the Governor of Virginia where it lies; he cannot be authoritative, nor would he, I presume, even if he had power, choose to exercise it until every hope should be lost of convincing the judgment of the State.

But this argumentative intercourse belongs to the Governor of Pennsylvania, and ought to be managed by him until the prospect of satisfaction shall disappear. At such a period, it may perhaps be reasonable for you to interfere; but *now* to interfere, would establish a precedent for assuming the agency in every embryo dispute between States: whereas your mediation would be better reserved until the interchange of their sentiments & pretensions shall fail in an accommodation.

I have the honor to be, &c.

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COLONEL WILLIAM DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Phila-  
delphia

Your Excellency's favor of the 14th inst. has been received with the papers inclosed. Williamson does not go far enough in his information, as he mentions neither the counties assigned to him nor the quantities, nor kinds of supplies he received & distributed. At some leisure moment it would be well if he would particularize these circumstances, particularly the first.

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I believe in a former letter, I mentioned that concerning the value of the property destroyed at Norfolk, a proper debit against the United States, I had selected from the Auditor's Books the several entries under that head, and had carefully collected every paper in the Executive & Legislative offices which respected it, particularly the letters of Generals Lee & Howe advising & urging the measure. These & other important papers on this subject I have here with me.

The account Mr. Hay mentions to have stated the quantity of tobacco destroyed by the British, I find in the books of the Commercial agent, to which he referred; but it will be better to keep out of view in this business the connexion of that office with this tobacco, as otherwise it will with justice be alleged that it was never intended for the continent (U. States), but wholly for State disposal. I shall, however, by another opportunity enclose a copy from the commercial books with a view of obtaining an authentication of its destruction from other quarters, especially as a great number of hogsheads of public tobacco were rolled into the river at Fredericksburg by the express orders of General Weedon.

I have examined the papers sent forward with young Mr. Claiborne, and am sorry so much time has been employed at such expense to so little purpose, as a very small part of what the papers contain can be of the least service. What I wished for, was a copy of the credits Virginia appeared upon Mr. Munford's books, which should not have employed one person a week at the utmost to have completed. The gentlemen, however, have gone a great deal farther, and have sent the accounts & vouchers of the issuing commissaries not only in Virginia, but in Carolina, as among others. I find the issues of the Continental commissary at Wilmington.

I know nothing particular of the transaction or contract with Hunter, Banks & Co., respecting the cannon mentioned in your Excellency's letter of June 13th, nor do I find anything on the books of the war office about it. I have, however, some faint idea of having had something to do with Mr. Banks on some such subject, and it runs in my mind it was for the purpose of a valuation. Possibly he may be able to be more explicit as to dates than your letter mentions, as it would save a great deal of time in searching. As this will go by a private hand, should anything appear on this head before sealing it, I shall enclose it.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obed. Serv't.

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J. PENDLETON, SOLICITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 21st      Enclosing list of delinquent sheriffs' accounts from twenty-nine Counties, for the several consecutive years, from 1784 to 1791. Although these officers had levied on every species of property liable, they had not been able to collect the taxes for "want of buyers."

July 22d

JOHN MCCOMB, JUNIOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Lighthouse  
at Cape  
Henry

Sir,

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 15th, respecting the materials formerly deposited on this place. I have been much deceived in the depth of the stone, as I was informed that they lay within 8 or 10 feet of the surface; but I find them from 10 to 25 feet under the sand. I have raised about 100 perch, which has cost £187, 10s; being informed that might be raised at a lower rate than new ones would be brought for, I made no contract to get them from elsewhere. So that I shall be obliged to raise as many as will lay the foundation of the Light-House, and will then stop, unless I find them nearer the surface, as I can have stone brought at lower terms.

I have the honor to be, with due esteem,

Your Excellency's most obed't & hum. Serv't, &c., &c.

July 27th

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Auditor's  
office

Having just taken possession of the public books prior to '87, which have been so long in the hands of the late Solicitor (Leighton Wood) and apprehending they are not in the condition I might have expected to find them; Regard to my own reputation impels me to request the hon'ble Executive will be pleased to appoint a Comm'ee of the Board to *inspect the books of the Auditor's Office prior to s'd March, '87, which were by law committed to the hands of the late Solicitor.*

I have the honor to be, with respect,

Your Ex'y's much oblig'd & ob't Serv't.

July 28th

J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Treasury  
office

In compliance with the directions prescribed by the act entitled "An act to remedy abuses in the manner of selling Lands for the pay-

ment of Public Taxes." I transmit the certificates of the Commissioners, which have been two years returned to this office for Lands purchased by them in behalf of the Commonwealth, and which still remain unredeemed. 1791. July 28th

I am with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most obed't Servt.

Samuel Coleman, Clk., reports to the Executive the number of militia returns forwarded from the Counties of Essex, Charles City, Orange, Norfolk Borough, Campbell, New Kent, Chesterfield, Louisa, for the spring of 1791. The County Lieutenant of Chesterfield makes oath that no fines have "come into his hands by virtue of his office" anterior to the 20th of May last. The commanding officer of Norfolk Borough has sent his list of Fines assessed in April last. July 30th Council office

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Aug. 2d

Requests an order for fifty pounds to be paid to Mr. Samuel Shepard, to defray the expence of sending out executions and notices against public debtors. Solicitor's office

IN COUNCIL.

The committee appointed to visit the public offices requested to inspect the books of the Auditor's Office, prior to the first of March, 1787, which were by law committed to the hands of the Solicitor, and report to the board. August 2d In Council

TH. JOHNSON, D'D STUART, AND DAN'L CARROLL TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. Aug. 2d

Sir,

We are very sorry to see by your letter of the 25th of last month to Doct'r Stuart, that the State of your Treasury gives any apprehensions of its inability to answer our Occasional drafts. George Town

The President's letter of the 13th April, from Richmond, and other Interchange, did not suffer us to fear any Embarrassment for the current expences on account of the federal City. We are now so circumstanced



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that we must in a little Time pay about six thousand Dollars, nor can it be omitted without discrediting the undertaking. Unwilling as we are to add to Difficulties, we cannot but take the chance of a better State of the Treasury, and have drawn on you in favor of William Deakins, our Treasurer, for six thousand Dollars, and begg that if it can be done it may be honored; if it cannot, we shall be under the necessity to raise the money if we can by private Credit, for in this Stage the business would be very much hurt by a want of punctuality.

In treating your best offices,

We are, Sir,

Your mo. Obed't Serv't.

August 3d

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

The papers put into my hands for examination from Kentucky, consist of a pay-roll and muster-rolls to support it, according to the instructions of the Executive of the 29th of December, 1790, of Captain Cook's company of Rangers, ordered into Service by General Scott under the aforesaid Instructions; a pay-roll & muster-Roll of Captain Ashby's company; A Pay-roll & muster-Roll of Captain McMurtey's Company, and a Pay-roll & Muster-Roll of Lieutenant Hodges' command—the muster-rolls proved by the Oaths of the officers commanding the several Detachments and signature of General Scott. The number of men employed amount to 200—of course less than the number authorized; to the command of which a major has been appointed, whose amount of Pay & Rations is marked No. 5. Capt. McMurtey's account of retained rations, No. 6, is properly authenticated; No. 7 contains claims against the commonwealth which do not appear to be authorized by the acts of the Executive, above mentioned, unless they can be construed as part of General Scott's necessary expences; No. 8 is the abstract and vouchers for the Rations, which appear to be in number 9005, to which perhaps may be added 1123, which were annexed to one of the muster Rolls; this, however, is doubtful—I make the number necessary for the support of the troops to be 10,963. No. 9 is General Scott's own account, which is not authorized by the Executive, but the payment of such expenses as he might necessarily incur in calling into service the aforesaid troops, was directed.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob't Servant.

WM. HENDERSON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

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Relating to the Sheriffalty of Campbell County. The commission of Mr. Stith as Sheriff, he supposes obtained by misrepresentation.

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Campbell  
County

HARRY HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 4th

Relating to the Tobacco in his hands; that it will be impossible to dispose of it by private sale. There is about "40,000 pounds of Transfer Tobacco in Crop notes, laying at the different Inspections of Rapp'k & Powtomack Rivers & a small proportion on this & York River." This Tobacco unfit for market by private sale—Asks instructions as to its sale by Auction.

JAMES INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 4th

"Sir,

I have revised the act of assembly passed in the Fall Session of 1787, from which you made an Extract in your letter of yesterday. That law is improperly punctuated, and from that circumstance, I presume the doubts of the Executive as to the purport and extent of the word damages must have arisen. The first proviso in the 5th section enables the proprietors of lands sold for the payment of Taxes to redeem them by paying into the Treasury the amt. of the Commissioner's certificate within six months after such certificate shall be delivered to the Treasurer, *with twenty-five per centum* damages on the amount thereof, or within two years thereafter by paying double the amt. of such certificate. The second proviso directs that if such payments be not made within two years from the time that such certificates shall be paid to the Treasurer, in that case the Executive shall cause such lands to be sold to pay the amount of the debt due the public, with damages and expenses of sale, or in other words; to pay the amt. of the debt, *with the damages* due the public, and *the expenses of sale*. By affixing a comma after the word damages, it becomes disconnected with *the expenses of sale*, and thereby has retrospect to the twenty-five per centum which the law in the first indulgence held forth; obliges the defaulter to pay by way of *damages* for withholding the public revenue. Under the interpretation of the law, and I hold it to be a just one, the lands alluded to must be sold to pay the debt due the public, with twenty-five per centum accruing thereon, by way of Damages, and the expenses legally resulting from the sales thereof; the residuum, if any, to go to proprietors.

Richmond

I am respectfully, Sir,

Y'r most ob't Servt.

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DAVID STUART TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Dear Sir,

August 5th  
Alexandria

I have received your letter, accompanied with the draft of the Public buildings, and return you my thanks for your kindness. As soon as Major L'Enfant is done with it, I will return it. At a late meeting of the commissioners, I informed them of your communication respecting the low state of the treasury. We are, I assure you, in a very embarrassing situation for want of money. The surveyors, with their assistants and about forty men who have been employed in opening streets, ever since the spring, have received but little pay yet. Much is still to be done previous to the sale of lots. Unless we can satisfy them in some degree, we must expect to lose them. I learn clamors will soon be published, and besides discouraging others, will furnish a rich subject of triumph to those who still affect to treat the residence on the Potomac as chimerical. This being our situation, we have thought it best to send you our draft, and take the chance of the first money which might come into the Treasury, hoping withall, it might possibly be sooner than you have expected. Would it not be practicable to get the three Southern states to contribute a little towards the buildings? I cannot but think it just and reasonable that they should, as the measure of fixing the residence of Congress in so southern a position, was dictated as much by the consideration of accommodating them, as us. With compliments to Mr. Randolph,

I am, D'r Sir, very sincerely,  
Your obt. Servt.

August 5th

COL. ED. CARRINGTON TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Richmond

It appears to be the opinion of the district heretofore represented in the Senate by Gen'l Edward Stevens, that it would be proper for me to give an official certificate or ratification to your Excellency of his acceptance of an office under the Federal Government. I do not suppose that this would be necessary for the ascertainment of a fact, which his exercise of the office of Inspector of the Revenue must unavoidably give daily proofs of, yet in conformity to a request which has been made, I now hereby do myself the honor to inform you that General Stevens has been appointed to the above office, that he has accepted it, and is now acting under it.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Sir,  
Your most obed. S't.

WILL. DEAKEN, JR., TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1791.

Sir,

I have by this day's post, forwarded a letter to you from the com-  
 missioners appointed by the President, on the subject of the order, which I now enclose, and for the amount of which I shall draw on you for smaller sums for the convenience of Negotiation here, which drafts will be drawn p'ble 10 days after sight, as it may be a convenience to your Auditor.

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 George  
 Town  
 Order  
 enclosed in  
 this letter

I am, Sir,

Your ob't Servt.

ADAM CLEMENT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Aug. 10th

Requests the Governor to send his commission as Sheriff, so that he "may take place next Court," or an answer so that he may know the Governor's determination.

Campbell  
 County

John Steele and Miles Selden, committee to examine return of war-rants issued by the Auditor from 1st January to 25th July, of this year, report them as corresponding with the necessary vouchers, & entries, &c.

August 11th

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Aug. 12th

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inform you that by the acknowledgment of Mr. French Strother, he received the Certificate of Reuben Huffman of Mr. Charles Jones, and Mr. Strother says further, that he delivered the said Certificate to a Mr. Daniel Field, in order to its being delivered to the said Huffman. Field says, according to Strother's information, that his father bought the certificate of Huffman, which Huffman denies.

Richmond

It is submitted, Sir, how far it may be proper to do away the impression made by the letter to Col. Posey, addressed to him on the subject of this certificate, to the prejudice of Mr. Jones.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obed. Servt.

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J. DAWSON TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Aug. 12th  
Sweet  
Springs

It is with sorrow I inform you of the death of the hon'ble C. Bullett; an event which took place on the 8th inst. at the Warm Springs, in the County of Bath.

I have honor to be,

Your Excellency's most Obed't Serv't.

J. S. OF A.

Aug. 13th

RICHARD STITH TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Campbell  
County

Relating to the recommendation by the County Co. of Campbell County, of Henderson, Stith, and Clement for the office of Sheriff. In his petition, he makes request as follows: "Let Henderson continue till next March Court, then Stith take place, and continue til September, 12 months following, and then Clement to take place at righ' p'ice of year.

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Aug. 15th

GEO. SKILLERN TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Botetourt  
County

Relating to a recommendation of magistrates by the County court of Botetourt County, made in the month of May, 1791. Apprehends that his letter to the Governor on the subject has miscarried or been lost, as no commissions had been received.

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GENERAL CHARLES SCOTT TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Woodford  
County  
Kentucky

I have the honor to receive your favour of the 2d May, (the 25th of July). I have to say in answer, that I have don everything in my power to obtain such a statement as you require, from the moment the business was taken up by the Federal government. But the awkwardness of some and the inattention of others, has forbid my doing it to this day; nor have I been able to get the returns in any shape whatever notwithstanding my frequent repeated applications. Jefferson has not sent in neither its strength or the account of the guards, without my authority could be extended to arrest & bring to Immediat tryal. I am sure I never shall be able to do the Duty required. I have sent by Mr. Fowler an acct of all the expenses that I have been able to procure at

that time, & shall as soon as possible forward the whole together with our strength, as also the Depredations Committed on our frontiers, as you wish. Notwithstanding the vigorous exertions that has been made against the savages on the northwest of the Ohio, they have been constantly on our frontier in some or other place. As late as the 6th Inst., they had surrounded the Post at the great bone lick; the officer at that place sends me by express, who passed out in the night for a Reinforcement to enable him to do the Duty Required. The 15th inst. Gen. St. Clair calls off the whole of the guards; this would not only break up that valuable ~~settlement~~ <sup>settlement</sup> at great bone lick, but Destroy a powerful settlement now about <sup>has been</sup> in that quarter, & Distress the Inhabitation amazingly. Under these considerations, together with the earnest solicitations of Respectable Characters, I have thought proper to continue a guard of an Officer & 25 men at the Lick, by authority of the State Government, which I hope and trust will meet your approbation. We have now out under the command of Gen'l Wilkinson 700 mounted volunteers—their object is that great town Kekiah, on the Wabash; they are hourly expected to return. The Grand Army under Gen'l St. Clair moves about the 1st Sept'r; about the 8th of the same month, I shall move with a large body of mounted Infantry volunteers—these exertions I hope will soon make it unnecessary to continue any guards in our quarter. I myself the honor of forwarding to your Excellency for your <sup>particular</sup> satisfaction, an acc't of my late expedition against the Indian towns, Weaw & Kithlephoenok & its neighbouring villages, but cannot Learn whether it got safe to hand.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obt Serv't.

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JUDGE J. MERCER TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Aug. 21st

Sir,

As the season for the District Judges setting out on this duty is very near, It may not be improper for me, an individual, to advise your Excellency that Judge Bullitt certainly dyed at the Warm Springs on this day fortnight; his servant & horses returned home last week; this many know, but my Brother Robert yesterday, had it from Mr. Michael Wallace & Mr. Thornton Alexander, both just from the Springs, that they were at Mr. Bullitt's funeral on Wednesday, was seen at night, so the truth of this fact is now as well attested as is usual for anything out of an Official Line, and I mention it now solely because such a Report prevailed in June which proved to be premature.

I have the honor to be,

y'r Excellency's most respectfull

& very humble Servant.

Fredericksburg

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## HARDIN BURNLEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Aug. 25th      Been honored with the Governor's letter of the 23d inst., and will  
 Orange Co. endeavor to attend at the time appointed for the meeting of the board.  
 Mathews      Receipt of Armis'd Smith for three copies of the revised Laws of Vir-  
 County      ginia, for the County of Mathews.

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Aug. 27th

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF AUDITOR'S BOOKS.

Richmond      The committee appointed on the 2d inst. to inspect the books of the Auditor's office, prior to the first of March, 1789, and which were by law committed to the hands of the Solicitor, have in pursuance thereof, proceeded to the examination of said Books and report as follows, viz:

That the Duties of the Solicitor required to be performed by the act of 1780, entitled "an act for the more effectual collection of taxes and public dues" have been much neglected, particularly a correct list of Balances, due either to or from the public, and the Balances at present can only be seen by a reference to the Auditor's Books, which appear in many Instances to be very Erroneous.

That the act of October, 1786, entitled an act to explain the act for the reform of Public Boards, Directed the Solicitor to state all Balances due to the Commonwealth prior to the first day of March, 1787, in a special Book, distinguishing between specie, Commutables and paper transactions, &c.; this he has also neglected to perform. No such Book appears, and the Balances can only be seen by reference to the Auditor's Books, which are very incorrect, and do not show the distinction fairly in any case. The committee are of opinion that in order to ascertain an accurate list of Balances, the accounts must be examined, compared with the vouchers, and entered in such a special Book as is required by the act of 1786, under the direction of the Auditor, which will be a work of much labor and perhaps the only mode by which such list can be obtained.

(Signed)      JOHN STEELE,  
                          MILES SELDEN.

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Aug. 27th  
 Council  
 office

Report of Samuel Coleman, assistant Clerk of the Council, to the Governor, on the letter of Abner Vernon and Jesse Hargrave, relating to the imputed indebtedness of James Hunter, deceased, as superintendent of the Public Foundry. The letters of Vernon and Hargrave with an account, accompany the report and are filed therewith.

COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1791.

Sir,

I have for some time past been engaged in a daily attendance at the office of the General Board, with more satisfaction on both sides than was expected. In the examination, I find immense advantage from the use of the various executive books, which I have bro't on with me, as where the evidence which is wanting in one is often amply supplied in another, and as far as we have proceeded, every charge of monies advanced on account has been admitted where a settlement appears to have been made, and the object of appropriation defined; nor has there hitherto been a single charge rejected, except one introduced thro' mistake of expenditures in Lord Dunmore's expedition against the Indians. From some cause or other I perceive a considerable jealousy with respect to the purchase of horses, which it will be important to remove. At present I need not specify any others than those purchased in 1775, by Col. Innes and some others—mostly field officers of the first and second regiments. The official characters of the purchasers added to the evident necessity of possessing the speediest means of intelligence in so exposed a situation as Williamsburg, would have been admitted without much hesitation, as sufficient circumstances to support the charges on this head; (were I to judge from the facility with which charges on other accounts have been admitted, tho' supported by less reason), did there not exist some unfavourable impression on this subject previous to their entering on this examination? At present all the charges for the purchases of horses lie open for further discussion & information, as do those for the gun-factory at Fredericksburg, and the monies advanced to Aylett Snicker's account are all admitted to Dec'r, 1776, which I believe terminated his agency. Hawkins' expenditures to July, 1776, are also allowed, as have been the advances on account of sulphur & saltpetre to nearly the same period.

Having been very much engrossed in preparing for the outset in this business, conceiving that a good deal depended on first impressions, especially as the present mode of investigation was adopted at my request, I have not had leisure to inform you anything on the subject for some time, and it is with pleasure I can now add that so far as the examination has proceeded, the opinion of the board seems to have become more & more favorable; as for these three days past, our time has been employed in reviewing charges which had received only a qualified admission, in order to give them an absolute sanction. Could your excellency procure from Col. Innes any written information about the horses, it will be acceptable, as well, also, at some future time, the intelligence requested in a former letter from Mr. Sam. Williamson.

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Phila-  
delphia



1791. I have not as yet met with any thing in the public books or papers  
 Aug. 28th that can explain the transaction with Banks, to which my attention was  
 desired.

I some time ago, gave Mr. Charles Baldwin a certificate for his services for about two months, the precise time and sum, I have not at this moment, the power to *recollect*, but I believe it was not for more than for thirty dollars, or thereabouts.

I have the honor to be, Sir, in much haste,  
 But with the highest respect,  
 Your Excellency's most humble Servt.

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Aug. 29th

Ro. SAUNDERS TO JOHN PENDLETON.

Sir,

Williams-  
 burg

I should sooner have answered your obliging favor of the 3d instant, but that constant engagement from home have prevented me I now inclose you the order of court, granting administration, and when you find a convenience, my father will thank you to remit the balance of salary. Mr. Pierce died 27th of May, so that the sum will be easily ascertained.

Mr. Keene, the bearer, will be a safe hand to send money by.

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August

LEVI REUBEN TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Petition for remission of fine imposed on him by the Hustings Court of the City of Richmond for retailing spirituous liquors without a license.

The petitioner States that he employed a certain Isaac Younghusband, a practising lawyer, to defend him against the charge aforesaid, but "that the said Isaac Younghusband being called on business in another State, failed to enter himself as an att'y for your petitioner, and employed no person to attend to his business in his absence. In consequence of which a judgment by default was awarded against your petitioner, and a fine imposed on him. Whereupon the petitioner prays such relief as may seem just.

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Sept. 1st  
 Berkley Co.

Indictment vs. John Crane, the younger, in the county of Berkeley, for the murder of Abraham Vanhorne of the same county. Adjourned to the General Court, for difficulty.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1791.

Sir,

I have compared the account of Mr. Daniel L. Hylton with the Foundry as exhibited to the Board for payment of a balance, which appears to be due him thereon with the Books of said Foundry, and find it correspond, and believe said balance to be justly ascertained.

Sept. 1st  
Council  
office

I have the honor be, Sir, &c.

COLONEL WILLIAM TATHAM TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 3d

Sir,

I herewith enclose a topographical analysis of Virginia, which I desire you to accept.

Capitol of  
Virginia

I have handed this to the World under a State title only, that the community may have the use of it; But it is my intention to extend the plan throughout the Union. Our citizens and youth may hereby acquire a competent information of their county.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 7th

Objects to the return into the treasury of the Tobacco notes remaining in the hands of Mr. Heth, the agent, as such return would make it more difficult to settle his agency account, and to be understood by the Committee of the General Assembly.

Treasury

Suggests that the Board direct Mr. Heth to dispose of these notes either for cash or facilities.

MILES KING TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sept. 7th

Sir,

Mr. Brough informs me he intends to resign his office as Notary Publick for the Town of Hampton. I will take the liberty to recommend Mr. Thomas Jones, Jr., of Hampton, to supply the place of Mr. Brough.

Richmond

With great respect,

Your very Hum'le Serv't.

1791. William Bridger recommended to the Governor as a proper person to  
 Sept. 8th collect the Revenue Tax for the County of Isle of Wight, for 1790.\*

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Sept. 8th W. FOUSHEE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Richmond Requests a "warrant for Eleven hundred and seventy-five pounds, sixteen shillings, & 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , on account of the purchase of Delinquent shares, by the Treasurer in the James River Company."

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Sept. 9th At a district Court held at Staunton, "Elizabeth Hazel, late of the  
 Staunton County of Rockingham, spinster," who had been convicted of murder, "was again led to the bar," \* \* \* \* when the following sentence was pronounced by the court, "that she be hanged by the neck until she be dead, and that execution of this judgment be made and done upon her, the said Elizabeth Hazle, by the sheriff of Augusta County, on Friday, the twenty-first day of October next, between the hours of ten in the forenoon and two in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution."

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Sept. 9th BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Sir,  
 Richmond I am applied to, to issue a commission appointing Brett Stovall surveyor of Patrick County, on the enclosed certificate, signed by only two of the Professors of W. & Mary college. Doubting whether a commission granted upon such a certificate will be legal (more especially as it has not the President's name to it), I shall be much obliged to you for your opinion on the subject.

And am, Sir,  
 Your Obed't Serv't.

To which the Att'y-Gen'l responds:

I think under the land law of 1779, the signature of the president of the College ought to be annexed to all certificates of Examination and competency respecting surveyors.

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\* It seems that the collector was empowered by the Executive to collect also the revenue taxes for the years 1788 and 1789, then due, although it was believed that the people would refuse to pay them.

SINCERE AND TRUE FRIEND TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

1791.

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you with a circumstance that is thought necessary to be communicated to you. Lately here in this County, one Richards was brought from Richmond, the person who had charge of him was directed verbally to tell the Governor that he might save himself the ridiculous trouble of offering any reward for the people who hanged the men lately—saying that if the Governor was here himself, and behaved as these men had done, that he would be hanged in the same laconic manner. The person who made use of this very impolitical language, is a certain Wm. Gibbs, belonging to our court here. Was he to be sent for to Richmond & have nine & thirty, it would serve to produce decency to our Government, which appears to be much wanting; such expressions as Mr. Gibbs, tends to cut the throat of our United Government, which all looks at with much pleasure.

Sept. 9th  
Accomack  
Courthouse

I am, with great regard, Sir,

Your mo. obed't h'ble Serv't.

P. S.—It is highly probable that the person who was sent with Richards from Richmond to Accomack, had too much modesty to deliver the message, but true, it is such a rancorous one was sent one, that in any other Northern State would be most severely punished & it is shrewdly hoped that Mr. Gibbs may be sent for, up and take 39 quietly in a publick or private place, at your option & that of your Hon'ble Council. Mr. Gibbs has been told he may expect a whipping, & he is apparently unable to suppress much fear of it.

ROBT. BROUGH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 9th

Sir,

As I am about to remove from Hampton, I must resign the office of Notary Public for that District. \* \*

With the highest respect, &amp;c., &amp;c.

JNO. HOPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Sept. 12th

Sir,

I have received another draft from Col. Deakins, on account of the Federal Buildings in addition to the one sometime since rec'd, of which

Richmond

1791. one thousand dollars are paid \* \* \* I have therefore to propose to  
 Sept. 12th receive payment, or a part thereof in the hands of some of the pur-  
 chasers of public Tobacco. \* \*

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
 Your mo. ob't Servant.

Sept. 14th

Treasury Office, 14th Sept., 1791.

Amount of sales of Crop Tob.,	-	-	-	5,080,	3s,	½d.
Do. Transfer,	-	-	-	347,	17,	7,
Specie in the Treasury this 14th Sept., '91,	-	-	-	1,136,	10,	8,
Deduct allowance made thereout to James River						
Co.,	-	-	-	£1,175,	16s,	2½d.
One of the drafts to federal commissioner allowed						
Mr. Hopkins,	-	-	-	300,		
To Lunatick Hospital,	-	-	-	150,		
				£1,325,	16s,	2½d.

Sept. 15th

JNO. HOPKINS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

I take the liberty of transmitting to your Excellency for the inspection and decision of Council, sundry papers and documents, in respect to and in support of the claim of Mr. Walter Hopkins on government, for his service rendered the public in 1777, \* \* \* \* expresses the opinion that this claim is as well founded as any that can be made on the justice of Government, as will fully appear from an inspection of the documents transmitted.

Should it be impossible to pay the whole sum, hopes "that about sixty pounds may be now paid in part." \* \*

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect, Sir,  
 Your mo. ob't Servant.

Sept. 15th  
 State of  
 Georgia  
 Richmond  
 County

Robert Dixon, William Nicholson and George Poythress testify under Oath, that a certain Benjamin Woodward, then in the common jail, in the County of Richmond, in the State of Georgia, is the identical person who was formerly a resident of Dinwiddie County, in the State of Virginia, and has long been noted for his vilany for counterfeiting the

public papers of that State, and for whose arrest and delivery to the proper authorities, a large reward was offered by the Governor of Virginia.\* 1791. Sept. 15th

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THOS. BOOTH TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Sept. 15th

Informs the Governor that he has lately established a Foundry, and is in want of old cast iron to carry on his business. Suggests that on the shores of the lower part of the State, there are many old salt pans and rusty cannon, unfit for military use, which he is willing to buy at a fair price.

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WILLIAM CABINESS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Sept. 15th

"Conceives himself to be injured by a Recommendation of the County Court of Nottoway, in which Philip W. Greenhill was nominated as Captain to a company in which the said Cabaness had long acted as Lieutenant commandant." \* \* \* \* \*  
He therefore "prays that the commission of Captain to the said P. W. Greenhill may not issue to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Capt. Fletcher."

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JOHN HARVIE, DAVID ROSS, AND W. FOUSHEE TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Sept. 16th

Request the Governor to lend the James River Company about one thousand pounds of the publick powder, to be returned and delivered at the arsenal when the fresh powder expected from Philadelphia shall have arrived. Richmond

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F. WATKINS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sept. 20th

Encloses copy of the Record in the case of John Abbott, convicted of horse-stealing, and sentenced to be hanged at a court held for the District of Prince Edward County, accompanied by a paper signed by P. Henry, Wm. Cowan, L. Stokes, J. Breckenridge, Rich'd N. Venable, Prince Edward Co.

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\*The capture of Woodward was regarded as a matter of so much importance that a reward of \$400 was offered for his arrest and delivery to the District Jailer at Petersburg. He was arrested at Augusta, Georgia, and brought by Major Longstreet and Alexander McMillan, to the city of Richmond.

1791. Samuel Duval, Thomas Molloy, Al. McRae, & Creel Taylor, attorneys practising, and Jno. Tyler, the judge presiding at the said Court at the time of the said trial, recommending the pardon of the said Abbott.

Sept. 20th COLONEL WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Philadelphia I continue to be daily engaged at the office of the General board, in the examination of our account and with the same success. As I formerly mentioned the great use I find the various books to be of in explaining by some one or other of them the object of advance, which in many instances would not otherwise appear, I need only here observe that after 1778, when the register formed by the commissioners of accounts terminates, the Ledger of the Auditor's becomes essentially necessary; and unless it is sent to me, I shall be under the necessity of opening an account for each person to whom advances were made, leaving all the charges in the meantime open till some liquidation of the account appears. Whereas by recurring to the ledger, the whole of such person's transactions appear in one view, and the sanction of the General board can be obtained and every advance of money at once admitted agreeably to the settlement on it. This would be an unprofitable labor, if there were time for it, which there is not; and indeed without this additional business, I am now and shall continue to be obliged to employ a young man at the rate of sixty pounds a year, to copy, make extracts, alphabets, tables of contents, references, and to do other similar business, as in many cases transcripts of the evidence as found in the different books are required to be filed, and it is wholly out of my power to do this sort of business, and at the same time accompany the examination of the account, when my presence is indispensably requisite; and from my present prospects, I apprehend I shall be obliged to employ assistance to compleat what remains of the specific and militia accounts.

From the progress we have made and the principles on which we proceed, I am rather inclined to hope the State will profit by the loss of the documents & vouchers as hitherto I have met with scarce a single payment, but what, from some of the books, I could shew its object, nor hardly one advance without evidence of its settlement; of course for want of something to be objected to, there seems a necessity of admitting the whole charge, although in many cases there would probably be exceptionable items in the account itself, did that now appear; in the same way too, the payment of a *balance* often covers a great number of advances, tho' in some instances I have reason to suspect the settlement to have been partial.

Conversing on this subject with Mr. Wood (late Solicitor), I am happy to find him of the same opinion, as he tells me there were many double payments, owing to forged vouchers in the early part of the war, which but for Arnold would now appear to the prejudice of the State. I received your Excellency's favor covering Mr. Randolph's affidavit, respecting the destruction of the papers of the Auditor's office. Mr. Blair's testimony with respect to those of the Executive and their missing Journals would also be proper. Mr. Jefferson has the Original letter of which you enclosed the copy, and will afford his testimony as far as his memory goes. It would be an advantageous circumstance, could the correspondence with General Washington on the part of the State prior to Mr. Jefferson's administration be obtained, after elucidating some difficulties during a dark period of the account, it might be deposited among the archives of the State; for which purpose Mr. Jefferson tells me he designs the copies he has directed to be taken. I shall have occasion to draw on your excellency for £20 Virg'a currency on account for contingencies.

1791.

Sept. 20th

And remain, with grent respect, Sir,  
Your Excellency's most Humble Serv't.

Col. Jas. Barnett's case, comprising depositions and letters pertaining to a contract between said Barnett and Edward Stephenson, by which Stephenson engaged to furnish the guard at Port rations for the ensuing season, in consideration of which, "Stephenson was to give Col. Barnett five dollars per month for liberty to furnish the men in rations."

Sept. 21st

This element in the contract was the foundation of the charge preferred against Col. Barnett of promoting his private interest at the expense of the public.

JOHN MOSS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sept. 22d

Recommending Thomas Grafford, jun'r, as a proper person to execute the office of Inspector of Tobacco at Alexandria Warehouse.

JOHN EDWARDS, LIEUTENANT OF BOURBON COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sept. 26th

Sends an account of Militia fines and disbursements of money, and writes, "I am called on at present for 123 militia for three months service, it appears to be so disgustful to the people, I am afraid, notwithstanding every exertion of my officers and myself, I fear Gen'l St. Clair will not receive the number of militia he has called for."



1791.

GENERAL CHAS. SCOTT TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Sept. 26th  
Woodford  
County

I am honor'd with your favor of the 4th of Aug't. So far as it respects myself, it is highly satisfactory, I trust and make no doubt it will be so to all concerned; there is still some accounts for services don, that has been sent back for want of order that has not been don & sent in; so soon as it is possible to get them, they shall be sent forward to Mr. Fowler, in order to lay before the consil for settlement; among those accounts there is twelve pounds for two men going Express from Limestone to point pleasant, one hundred & seventy miles; they wear fired upon on their way & a horse killed belonging to Mr. Charles Vancouver, who obliging furnished him in order to expedite the business. It appears to me Reasonable that he should be paid for him, the alarm being well grounded & Required expedition. You will receive herewith a general Return of the Militia of the District, taken in April last. I have ordered a more accurate return to be made by the first of November, which shall be forwarded without delay.

Your orders for furnishing the commanding general on the Northwest of the Ohio, with such numbers & species of Militia as he might call for; found us in great confusion, the demand having been made, and the men warned several days before your orders Came to hand, & too late for me to communicate them to the Distant parts of the District before the Day of Rendevous, the consequence was, out of the twelve hundred called for, three hundred only appeared, which I instantly ordered on to headquarters, & sent orders to the several County Lieuts. to make a second draft to Complete the Deficiency by the fourth of October, which I hope will be in time to gain the main army before they get too fare advanced in the enemy's country. Be assured, Sir, that every exertion will be made to comply with this demand, but the unfortunate campaign of last fall has alarmed our people so amasingly that I fear it will be with great Difficulty I shall get the number called for.

The grand army under Gen'l St. Clair has taken up their line of march, their front is advanced about forty miles twenty days since, where they mean to establish a post. I have heard nothing from them since.

With Esteem &amp; Regard,

I have the honor to be, Sir, your ob't Servt.

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Sept. 29th RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF QUAKERS OF THE COUNTY OF FREDERICK, TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Frederick  
County

Respectfully sheweth that having experienced the Benevolence of the General Assembly, extended to us for many years by the act of 1767,

Exempting our society from the obligation of attending at musters of the militia. In the year 1784, it was again revived, continuing the Exemption to us. We take the freedom further to represent that in the year 1782-1783, and the first part of the year 1784, the court martial proceeded to assess fines on us indiscriminately, for our non-attendance at General & private musters, the Collection of which in a great measure has been suspended, the court not having been fully satisfied as to their right of imposing or collecting such fines, and as a general Toleration has prevailed over this, as well as many other christian countries, we with confidence lay our sufferings before the Executive authority of the state, in whom the constitution has placed the power of remitting fines and forfeitures in all cases where they may judge it right and proper so to do. In support of the justness of our request, we can only say that being restrained from bearing arms, or engaging in wars, or fighting of any kind, from our religious opinions, we trust and hope in these enlightened days we shall not be oppressed for tenets, which restrain us from compliance with what other denominations of Christians consider as a duty they owe their Country; in all other respects, we consider ourselves as second to none of our fellow Citizens, in a punctual compliance with, and respect for the laws of our country. We therefore hope the Executive will take our hard case into the most serious consideration, and grant us a remission of the fines contained in a list certified by the clerk of the Court-martial, and which is also certified agreeably to the law, by our monthly meetings.

Signed on behalf of Hopewell & Crooked run monthly meeting, held the 26th & 29th day of 9 mo., 1791, by David Lepton & Goldsmith Chandler, Clerks.

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Winchester District, September Term, 1791. September

The commonwealth vs. John Crane, venire to-wit:—Gerrard Alexander, John Bates, Thomas Grigg, Benjamin Strother, David Gray, John Taylor, Magnus Tate, William Dyles, Abraham Shepherd, Joseph Warnsford, George Reynolds & William Helm.

Commonwealth vs. John Crane, Jr. October 1st

The deposition of Hugh McDonald \* \* "deposeth and saith, that on the fourth day of July, 1791, he was cradling Wheat in a field of John Crane, with several other persons, amongst which was a certain John Dawkins. The field we were then harvesting was adjoining a field of a Mr. Thomas Campbell, which said Campbell had about twenty-five hands reaping for him. Mr. Crane and his hands, together with myself, went to dinner; after dinner we returned to our work. A negro man of

1791. Mr. Cranes informed John Dawkins & the rest of us, that Mr. Campbell's  
 October 1st hands had sent us a challenge to fight them; upon which Dawkins highly  
 resented & said he would go and see Campbell's hands, for he was not  
 afraid of any one man that was then in Campbell's field. After some  
 little time, Mr. Crane came from his house to his field; John Dawkins  
 then said to Mr. Crane that Campbell's hands had sent him & his hands  
 a challenge. Mr. Crane made answer & said he did not know what  
 harm he had done to offend any of Mr. Campbell's hands, & said he  
 would go and know the truth of it; which we all then went too Camp-  
 bell's field to ask them what offence we had given them?" They an-  
 swered, none. Campbell then invited Crane & his harvest hands to take  
 a drink of grog with him; which was done, and then Crane & his hands  
 returned to Crane's field. \* \* Crane went to his house & was lying  
 on his bed, when the noise of Campbell's hands approaching Crane's  
 house, induced Crane to order them off his premises, & threatened to  
 shoot Vanhorn; & Merchant then assailed Crane, and in the fight Van-  
 horne was stabbed. \* \*

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October 1st JAMES McCLURG AND ROB'T GOODE TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Richmond We, the underwritten members of the Executive, appointed to Exam-  
 ine the Treasurer's accounts, have carefully examined the specie, To-  
 bacco, and Bills of credit of the 18th of March, 1780, remaining in the  
 Treasury on the thirtieth of September, 1791; (on which day the Treas-  
 urer is directed to close the annual accounts of his office), and find in  
 Specie the sum of three thousand five hundred & forty-five pounds, 1s, 2d,  
 notes for Crop Tobacco to the amount of three hundred and fifty-nine  
 hogsheads q'ty, three hundred and sixty-nine thousand five hundred &  
 thirty-five pounds nett; also, eight hogsheads of light crop q'ty, seven  
 thousand & eighty-six gro., and twenty-one thousand two hundred and  
 thirty pounds gro. Transfer—making in the whole twenty-five thousand  
 seven hundred & forty-two pounds nett Transfer, and amounting (at the  
 rates at which the said Tobaccos were received agreeably to law,) to  
 five thousand three hundred and fifty-three pounds, 11s, 8d. We find  
 also, Bills of Credit of the 18th of March, 1780, commonly called 1 for  
 40, money to the amount of eighty (80) five pounds, 16s, received like-  
 wise in part of the arrearages of Taxes.

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October 1st E. LANGHAM, SUPERINTENDENT, TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

Point of Fork Reports the total number of Arms at Point of Fork, intended to be  
 put in good order at ten thousand. Adds that it is impossible to state a  
 more particular account of the Stores at this post & other places, except  
 by last Quarterly returns.

JOSEPH JONES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

1791.

Sir,

I am informed that Mr. Frederick Jones, who is recommended to be the next sheriff of our County, sends over to you for his commission, & that he intends to qualify at our next Court. I have told him that I thought he could not until my two years had expired, which will not be before our next Dec'r Court, as you'll see by the date of my first commission, which was in December, 1789. By the law passed in 1785, To amend the several acts of assembly concerning the appointment of sheriffs, I find there is a clause that every sheriff hereafter to be appointed shall continue in office for one year after his qualification, and may with his own consent, & the approbation of the Executive, be continued for two years. It is my wish to continue in office until December Court, as my Deputies are not obliged to make up their collections with me until then, and if I shall go out of office, they will not then be obliged to fulfill their agreements with me for this reason. I trust that you and your Hon'ble Board will have no objection. If Mr. Jones was to lose any thing by my continuing until then, I would not wish it, but as I am to loose & he not to be any gainer, I am surprised at his having a wish to injure me, for he will keep in office two years from his qualification. I do not know whether before you and the Council, or our court, is the proper place to contest this matter. \* \*

October 3d  
Dinwiddie

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Your most ob. Servt.

JOHN FAULKNER, D. C. I., TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 3d

Being informed that a petition will be presented to his Excellency for the pardon of John Abbott, thinks it his duty to inform the Governor of his character. He "has been whipt, cropt and branded for his offences, and is the most harden'd creature he ever had in his charge."

Prince  
Edward Co.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

October 4th

Sir,

As usual I have examined the quarterly accounts from the post of Point of Fork, and find the Pay-Roll of the Superintendent, Artificers and guard for the last quarter to be eighty-nine pounds, one shilling & eight pence; that in the course of said quarter, six hundred and fifty-seven muskets have been stocked at the Post, which at 6s, 8d. each,

Council  
office

1791. amount to two hundred and nineteen pounds, and that by an account of  
 October 4th cash received and expended, there appears to remain in the hands of the  
 Superintendent, thirty-six pounds, twelve shillings and ten pence for  
 purposes therein expressed. The papers are herewith submitted.

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E. LANGHAM TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

The number of guns that was necessary to be stocked at the  
 port of Point of Fork to make up the number of good arms, 10,000, is  
 nearly completed. Wants instructions as to stocking such gun bar-  
 rels as may remain after stocking the 10,000 required.

October 5th

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Council  
 office

That since his last report, the County Lieutenants of Brunswick and  
 Orange have made returns of the strength of their militia for the Spring  
 of 1791.

The county Lieutenant of Orange has certified on oath that no mon-  
 ies have come into his hands by virtue of his office, and Lieut. Colonel  
 John Bacon, of the New Kent Militia, and Col. Charles Allen, of the  
 Prince Edward Militia have resigned their commissions.

I have the honor to be, &c.

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Petition of John Kemp, convicted of Forgery. He prays a pardon  
 for his offence, which is granted. Petition unnumerously signed by citizens  
 of Henrico, urge the pardon of Kemp.

October 6th

H. SMITH TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,

Russell Co.

Immediately on the receipt of your Excellency's instruction of the  
 25th of April, 1791, I gave orders to the commanding officers of com-  
 panies to raise their proportions of fifty men, which I Judged absolutely  
 necessary for our defence, but not one man would serve. The approach-  
 ing expected peace, to be made the last of May with the Cherokees,  
 seemed to look with a favorable aspect on our troubled Country. I not  
 willing to trust my own judgement called a council of officers, where-

upon it was advised to be unnecessary to order any more men until it was known whether the Indians would accept the terms of peace offered them at the then expected treaty. After this we remained tolerable peaceable except some horses stolen, till about the last of August, when part of two families were killed; the week following, Elisha Faris and three of his family was kill'd, and his daughter, a young woman, was taken prisoner. About a fortnight ago, James Warton, Esq., and his family was killed, and a negro taken prisoner. In this unhappy situation I cannot raise a man in this county for its defence, no man is willing, nor, I believe, can be forced to strip his unguarded family, equally exposed to dangers, of the only help and comfort they have in himself, to defend others more distant but less dear to his natural feelings.

A very considerable part of the county is at this time, instead of taking up arms to defend themselves, employed in moving their families to the interior parts of the Country, out of the reach of Savage cruelty.

I beg leave to inform your excellency that this county, from its vicinity & intermediate situation, with respect to the Cherokees and Northern Tribes of Indians, is perhaps more exposed than any other county on the frontiers of this State. It covers Washington in its full length, reaching one hundred and fifty miles in length, and being generally very narrow and thin settled, and from the obliquity of Wythe county line with the direction of the general Indian War roads, it covers a considerable part of that county. I am humbly of opinion that 100 men or at least a full captain's company, in justice to this county, ought to be employed for its defence from the interior counties not exposed to danger; and I believe that if something like that is not shortly done, this whole county will become a prey to the Savage, or be forced to the disagreeable alternative to quit their dear earned possessions to prevent it.

I have the honour to subscribe myself,  
Your Excellency's Obed't Humble Serv't.

## II. HETH TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

October 6th

Sir,

Inclosed you will receive acc't sales of crop and transfer tobacco from 20th Dec., to this day, also acc. of sales of the Tobacco sold at auction, and statement of the Tobacco received." \* \* \*

By the 20th inst., expects to be able to close his agency finally. The inclosed accounts extend from Dec'r 20th, 1790, to October 1st, 1791.

Richmond

1791.

RICHARD PARKER TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

October 7th Incloses the record of the District Court held at the city of Williamsburg, the 5th day of Oct., 1791, when William Smith, Emanuel Driver, and John Driver, were convicted of Burglary and sentenced to be hung. Col. Parker states briefly the circumstances and condition of these culprits, and leaves the matter of Executive Clemency to the Governor.

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October 7th

LUTHER STODDARD TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Enclosing several papers in his behalf. States that he is in actual confinement on two executions in favour of the Commonwealth, amounting in the whole to about £50, which sum (he) is totally unable to discharge, or any part thereof; that by misfortune he has lost all his property—real and personal; that he was only security on the bond on which the judgment was obtained against him; that during his confinement he is deprived of the power and means of acquiring a daily subsistence; is ready and able to prove the truth of all his statements—for these reasons prays a speedy release from his confinement.

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October 9th

EDWARD ARCHER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Norfolk States that he is indebted to the Commonwealth on a judgment recently obtained against him; that he has no property—real or personal; that an execution has been issued against his body, which will compel him to take the insolvent debtor's oath, unless permitted to pay the debt by instalments.

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October 10th  
Richmond

Wm. Granger convicted of the crime of Forgery at a District Court held in Richmond the tenth day of September, 1791, and sentenced to be hung, prays that he may be pardoned.

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October 10th

JOHN CUSTIS TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Accomac Co. Informs the Governor that there is but one Jail in the county of Accomac, which is appropriated for the use of both the District & County. Mr. Covington Broadwater is now the District Jailor, and was at the

time when so appointed the County Jailor; but when recently applied to to receive as county Jailor some prisoners, he refused so to do, unless an exorbitant price was paid him. Recommends Mr. Hartly Sapington, who resides in the town where the jail is, as a suitable person to fill the places of both District & County Jailor.

Wm. Stokes Petitions the Executive for a stay of Execution on a October 10th judgment in favour of the Commonwealth for six or seven hundred pounds; that unless the execution is stayed, his recent losses will compel him, though reluctantly, to take the benefit of the Act of insolvency.

## PETITION FOR RESPITE.

October 12th

Governor Beverley Randolph:

The petition of William Granger and Hugh Chavers, under sentence of death in the public Prison at Richmond, Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners understand that Friday, the 11th inst., is the day allotted for their execution. That your petitioners acknowledge they have been rather neglectful of their time in making due preparation for that awful day. Not having a divine to attend them. \* \* Implores your Excellency and the Honourable Council that if you don't think us objects of mercy sufficient to spare our lives by a general pardon, that you will be pleased of your great goodness, to grant us a respite for a week or two, that we may be enabled through the assistance of the Almighty and some reverend divines, who we trust will attend us in order for our edification in the doctrine of religion, which we are at present very little versed in. Your petitioners therefore Humbly pray that as it is only for their souls' Preservation they offer up this petition, that your Excellency and the Hon'ble Council will be so Humane as to grant it.

Governor Beverley Randolph, Esq.:

October 12th

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth, that they have long known Humphrey, a slave, \* \* now a condemned prisoner in the jail of the corporation of Fredericksburg, and until his commitment on suspicion for the crime of which he has been found guilty, ever considered him as an honest, faithful, and obedient slave, and that they do verily believe that his guilt in the present instance was occasioned more



1791. by the wicked solicitations of others, than by any native depravity of  
 October 12th his own heart; and that for these reasons, they beg leave to recommend  
 him to the mercy of your Excellency and honours for a gracious pardon.

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Signed by: R<sup>t</sup> Brooking, acting att'y for the Commonwealth, John  
 Minor, Jr., H. Vowles, Rob<sup>t</sup> Patten, W. Fitzhugh, Fontaine Maury, and  
 thirty-two other citizens of the corporation of Fredericksburg.

October 12th GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO WILLIAM ROSE.

Sir,

Richmond Mr. Longstreet with a guard, who have in custody Benjamin Wood-  
 ward, who is taken up under a proclamation of the State, intend to  
 lodge at your house this night. Their necessary expenses will be paid  
 by the Executive. You will be good enough to provide for them the  
 most secure room in your house, as the Culprit cannot be regularly com-  
 mitted to Gaol in this county.

I am, Sir,

Your Ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

October 13th SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Council  
 Office

Application being made for payment of the enclosed Bill drawn  
 by William Shannon on the Treasurer, in favour of John Girault, for  
 331½ Dollars, it is necessary that the Board be informed that the said  
 Bill is one of those contained in Shannon's list of Bills, by which his  
 account was settled by the Executive, pursuant to a resolution of the  
 last session of Assembly.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your most obe<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

October 13th Whereas I have this day received information from his Excellency  
 Town of Beverley Randolph, Esq., Governor of this state, that Benjamin Wood-  
 Petersburg ward is now on his way to this Town to undergo his examination, on a  
 charge against him for counterfeiting the Public Securities of this and  
 the state of North Carolina. I therefore request any person that  
 can give evidence either for or against the said Woodward, touching the  
 said offence, that they will inform me thereof, and be ready to attend  
 the said examination.

R. BATE, Mayor.

At a court held for Hampshire County, the 13th day of October, 1791: 1791.

Ordered, that it be certified to the Hon. the Executive, that the Court October 13th  
House of this County is now in such a ruinous State, that it is become Hampshire  
unfit for the purpose of holding Courts therein, and that it will be con- County  
venient for the court to be adjourned to the House of Posey Drew, in  
the Town of Romney, untill a new Courthouse can be erected.

A Copy from the minutes.

AND. WOODROW, Cl. C.

Herod Vaden, convicted of forgery in the District court, composed of October 13th  
the counties of Prince George, Sussex, Dinwiddie, Amelia, and Notto- Petersburg  
way, was sentenced to be imprisoned three months in the District jail,  
and to pay a fine of thirty-four pounds, and after the expiration of the  
three months' imprisonment to be held in jail until the payment of the  
said fine. Petitions the Executive for a pardon, on the certificate of the  
attending Physician that a continuance of confinement would probably  
prove fatal to the prisoner.

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR RANDOLPH.

October 14th

Sir,

I beg leave to inclose to your Excellency my account for the last  
quarter, as also that of Mr. James Murray, for his services as clerk.  
As it is almost impracticable for him to dispose of his small demand, he  
has endorsed in my favour for the amount, and I shall include his claim  
in my draft, as well as twenty pounds for contingent expenses of the  
office, as noted below. I wrote some time since to Mr. Ambler for the  
receipt books, from the latter end of August, 1775, to the first of the  
following year. They were not among those sent on to me, and have  
been much wanting. From going over the receipts in the progress of  
the examination of the account, I find many sums omitted, which by  
possessing the original books, I am able to establish, and for this  
reason, I think it well worth attention to forward those which were  
omitted to be forwarded. I hope my application for the Auditor's  
ledger may not be forgot. It is matter of much importance, with res-  
pect to the expedition of the business particularly. Hitherto I have  
met with nothing in the investigation of the claims that I have reason  
to complain of, except, perhaps a too great jealousy on the part of the  
General board on the subject of horses. I wrote to Colonel H. Lee on  
this head, expecting more information from him than perhaps any other.  
Uncertain however, where he may be, my letter possibly may not

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delphia

1791. come to his hands for want of proper direction. The principal points  
 October 14th to be established are the kinds or qualities of horses necessary for cavalry; their prices at various periods of the war; the difficulty, if not impracticability of obtaining suitable ones but in Virginia; the modes of ascertaining their value, as well as the regulations for impressing as practiced by the officers of the cavalry; and lastly, the necessity for procuring them, and the advantages which resulted from the supply, especially in the southern service. The continental allowance being a hundred dollars, it is evidently an object of importance with Virginia to establish her title to an entire reimbursement, considering the over-proportion, both in number and quality of those she furnished. I took the liberty some months ago, to mention some particulars of information, which Mr. S. Williamson had omitted to notice, and hope it will not be found a matter of difficulty to procure his attention once more to the subject. Having no interest with the gentlemen myself, I have taken the liberty again to mention the matter to you.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient Servant.

For contingent expenses on account,	-	-	-	£ 20,	0s,	0d.
James Murray's wages,	-	-	-	-	8,	13, 4
1 year's salary for myself,	-	-	-	-	125,	0, 0
Amount drawn for,	-	-	-	-	£153,	13s, 4d.

October 15th The Commonwealth of Virginia, Dr.,  
 To Richard Courtney & Larkin Phillips:

Richmond For going to Petersburg as a guard to Benjamin Woodward,  
 (and) finding their own expenses, 12s, 6d. each, - - - £1, 5s, 0d.

Pursuant to the directions of the Governor, I employed Mr. Richard Courtney and Mr. Larkin Phillips to guard Woodward to Petersburg. Courtney informed me that he was obliged to take the Prisoner out of the custody of Mr. Rose the over night, and guard him all night at their own expense which amounted to 13s, 9d.

SAMUEL COLEMAN.

October 15th WM. HAY, FOR THE DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond Sir,  
 As it may be difficult to procure money from the Treasury after the rising of the assembly which is about to sit, the Directors of the public

Buildings think it prudent to have the Balance of the vote of last assembly for completing certain parts of the Capitol, set apart in the care of the Treasurer to answer the orders which they may draw in favour of the workmen. Mr. Minor wants at present One hundred and fifty pounds, & if the Executive see no impropriety in it, the Directors wish that an order may be granted for six hundred & two pounds, nine shillings & four pence, being the balance of the vote of the Assembly for fifteen hundred and sixty-two pounds pr. inclosed State. If the order cannot be granted for the whole, the Executive will be pleased to grant an order for one hundred & fifty pounds in favour of Mr. Minor. 1791. October 15th

I am, very Respectfully, Sir,  
Your most Ob't Serv't.

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WILLIAM MCINTOSH TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. October 16th

Petitions that body for pecuniary aid in consequence of his infirmity produced by a wound in the leg received in the battle at Guilford court House, and a wound in the left arm received at the battle of Camden, rendered by these wounds "incapable of procuring a necessary support in his old age, and possessed of no property of any kind, excites apprehensions of extreme want, without some pecuniary aid from his country."

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JOHN HOPKINS, COMMISSIONER OF LOANS FOR VIRGINIA, TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH. October 18th

Sir,

I have the honor of informing your Excellency that I have completed the examination of the Certificates of State debts subscribed to the loan of the United States agreeably to an act passed the 4th of August, 1790, and find that the subscriptions to said loan stand as follows, viz: Subscribed between the 1st of October, 1790, & 31st of March, 1791, \$87,412 91½ Principal, \$5,124 18½ Interest. Subscribed between the 1st April & 30th June, 1791, \$359,601 04 Principal, \$21,072 82 Interest. Subscribed between 1st July & 30th Sept'r, inclusively, \$1,953,323 35 Principal, \$126,036 57 Interest; \$2,400,337 30½ principal, \$152,233 57½ Interest—Dollars: 2,552,570 88—amounting in the whole, principal & Interest, to two millions five hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-eight cents. This is the most accurate statement that I can furnish at this time, as the register is not yet

United  
States Loan  
office

1791. completed. So soon as it is in my power, I shall transmit to your Excellency a particular statement of the several species of paper, according to the various classes of them, which have been subscribed to the loan. Your Excellency will have observed that the amount of Principal in the debt which has been subscribed, is stated separately from the Interest, which has been done with the double view of communicating the amount in that particular part of the debt of the State, as well as to enable your Excellency to form a judgment of the amount of the remaining debt due by the State—an estimate whereof I am directed to obtain, and which I beg your Excellency will cause the officers of the State to furnish.

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect, Sir,  
Your most Obedient & most humble Serv't.

October 19th

BENJ. WILSON TO COL. JOHN P. DUVAL.

Harrison Co. Discovering signs that the Indians who killed Carpenter and others, were going towards the West Fork, and thus that the inhabitants of that region were in great danger, and believing that a few active and reliable scouts would make the best defence of the exposed people, he directed the captains on the frontier to send out ten scouts, for a few days, until the arrival of Col. Duvall at Clarksburg. Hopes Col. Duvall will apply to Government for their pay, as scouts are so important to the defence of the exposed frontiers.

October 21st

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Auditor's  
office

Sir,

During my confinement by indisposition yesterday, a warrant was presented at the Treasury and discharged to the amount of £1,500 drawn in favour of William Denkins, Treasurer, to the commissioners, for the federal District. This warrant would not have been paid, but on the belief that an order had passed as usual from the Honobl. Executive.

I am, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most Ob't, Humbl. Serv't.

## SAMUEL COLEMAN'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR.

1791.

Sir,

Colonel Orr presents four Muster Rolls, by which it appears that October 24th four Captains, four Lieutenants, four Ensigns, ten Sergeants, and 136 Rank & file have been employed under his command by order of General Scott, to repel an invasion of the Indians against the County of Mason in March, 1791. These troops were eight days in service; found their own rations, and are exclusive of the number ordered by the Executive on the 29th of December, 1790, but were thought necessary for the particular purpose of repelling the aforesaid invasion. He also presents an account for two expresses, which is best explained by its own face, and an account for his own pay, amounting to £9, 7s, 4d. He informs me that his command consisted of 300 men, but that his repeated applications to the Capt. detached under him from other counties, (from which also field officers were detached), for their muster-Rolls have been neglected.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your ob. Servant.

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JAMES PENDLETON, LATE SHERIFF OF CULPEPER COUNTY, TO THE GOV-  
ERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Represents that he was sheriff of the county of Culpeper for the years 1788 and 1789, and as it was a county of very considerable extent, he was under the necessity of engaging several persons as deputies. \* \* That ever since the taxes for the year 1788 became due, he has urged his deputies to settle their accounts of collections; that in June, 1790, a judgment was obtained against your memorialist for £1,606, 12s, 11d, since which time the deputies of your memorialists have paid the sum of £1,113, 7s, 11d.; that a second execution has lately issued, and been levied on your memorialist's estate for the balance of the said judgment.

Your memorialist therefore prays your Excellency and the Council to suspend the further proceedings on the Execution, until the sense of the General Assembly may be taken thereon.

In Council, Oct. 26, 1791.

On consideration of the above memorial, it is ordered that the same be rejected.

Extract from the minutes.

A. BLAIR, C. C.

1791. Thomas Booth reports to the Executive, that in as much as the "old  
October 26th Iron of this State," to-wit, salt pans, broken Guns, old shot, and sundry  
Richmond articles of like character, cannot be of any use to the State, an order to  
collect the same will enable him to "cast four large stoves for the public  
use" out of the same, &c.

October 26th

J. MADISON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Williams-  
burg

At a meeting of the Directors of the Hospital for the maintenance  
and cure of persons of unsound mind, held at the said Hospital the 9th  
day of July, 1791. The honourable Joseph Prentis having this day  
resigned the office of Director to this Hospital, Ordered that the same  
be certified to the Executive, and that the President be desired to men-  
tion to the Executive the following Gentlemen as conveniently situated  
to attend, to-wit: The honourable Cyrus Griffin, Mr. Charles Hunt, and  
Mr. Robert Saunders.

A copy—Teste:

WILL. RUSSELL, C. C. D.

October 27th

COL. WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Phila-  
delphia

Sir,

I have received two ledgers of the Auditor, which probably will  
answer my purpose. The Treasury receipt books are also come to  
hand, and Mr. Venables has just delivered me your Excellency's favor  
of the 19th instant. Mr. Blair's affidavit will account for the want of  
the journals of Council for 1779 & 1780, which completes the testimony  
required to prove the destruction of the Executive books that are  
missing. I availed myself of the presence of Mr. Wood to authenticate  
the books I have with me, and to validate them as being the best evi-  
dence the State can offer under the circumstances of Arnold's destruc-  
tion. I gave you my reasons in a former letter why I had hoped that the  
State ultimately would not be a loser by that circumstance. I am still  
disposed to retain the same opinion, for reasons communicated by Mr.  
George Webb, (treasurer for two or three years,) which must inevitably  
have been the consequence of the partial settlements made by the com-  
missioners of accounts, who kept no regular ledgers. I beg leave  
through your Excellency to request the favor of General Wood to trans-  
mit me a brief statement of the cause and consequences of the escape  
of the Indian hostages from Williamsburg. The measures taken with  
respect to the Indians at large, and in general, to furnish such informa-

tion as will shew the propriety of charging to the United States all the expences consequent on that event. From some misapprehension, neither Mr. Wood, Smith, or Dunscomb have included in their statements any of the expenditures on this head, altho' they were considerable, especially when we take into account the allowance to the commissioners appointed to the Indian treaty, and the sums laid out in goods as presents. This omission gives the claim a more doubtful aspect than it deserves, and at first induced a suspicion with the general Board that the whole of these payments related to the expedition against the Indians of Dunmore and the treaty held with them under his authority. An opinion rendered more plausible by the circumstance of Lord Dunmore's leaving W'msburg before provision was made by the Assembly for discharging the debts created by his western campaign, which of course devolved afterwards upon the convention, and by this means payments at the Treasury were making on account of both these Indian businesses at the same time, and the receipt so intermingled, as well as loosely expressed, as naturally to render it difficult to distinguish the different objects of these advances to any person not acquainted with, or inattentive to the history of that period. Conceiving full information might be had from Gen'l Wood, I have ventured to promise it properly authenticated.

Some time since your Excellency wrote me about a scale of depreciation, settled in the western Country. In examining the journals of the Delegates, I found what the inclosed is a copy of.

I am with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most h'ble Servt.

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II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. October 28th

Sir,

The President of the United States has directed me to inform your excellency, that he has received your letter of the twentieth instant enclosing the letter of the fourth instant, written by the commanding officer of Russell county, stating the depredations thereon by some Indians.

War  
Department

The President of the United States begs leave to confide the defence of Russell county to your excellency; that if you should judge that the situation of the said county demands the services of a full company from the interior counties of Virginia, that you will please to order the same from such places and for such time as you shall judge proper; that the United States will pay for the services of such a company of militia as your excellency shall order, according to the rates established by law;



1791. a schedule of which is enclosed No. 3: Provided that the said militia  
October 28th shall be mustered by some impartial and competent officer of the militia,  
upon the commencement and termination of their services.

Your excellency will please to appoint some suitable character to furnish the said company with rations by contract—the price for a ration of the description specified in the Schedule No. 2, not to exceed eight cents, unless the most formal and authentic evidence be produced to your excellency that the ration is not attainable for such price; in which case, your excellency will allow a sum conformable to the price of the ration. If your excellency should call into service the company of militia herein contemplated, I request that you will have the goodness to notify me of the same, specifying its numbers and time of service.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant.

October 28th

JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond

I can find no law of a general nature which takes from the Executive the discretionary power of remitting damages or suspending executions under public judgments; there are several acts of assembly enacted for special purposes, which sub modo inhibit the exercise of the power alluded to, but I do not think the case of the Sheriff of Orange comes within their influence.

I have the honor to be, Respectfully,

Your most Ob't Ser't.

October 29th

WM. MILLS, SHERIFF OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND COUNCIL.

The petition of said Mills represents that he has paid the whole amount of the taxes due from the said county for the year 1789, except the sum of £350, which still remains unpaid; that the present deficiency is owing to the non-payment of some of the inhabitants, and not to any fault on his part. \* \* Prays that the solicitor may be directed to suspend the execution until the 25th day of December (next).

October 30th

EDMUND RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Philadelphia

The commission with which the executive of Virginia honored me to lay before the board of property of this State the land-laws of our

country, has been duly executed. They were exhibited when a claim of 1791.  
the Gist family came into discussion, and I should not do justice to the October 30th  
Gentlemen who composed that board, did I not report to your excellency  
and the council that they manifested great candor and liberality in their  
decision, alth' they had before made an opposite determination in one  
or more similar cases, they adjudged to that family all that they asked  
under a Virginia title.

I have the honor, sir, to be, with sincere respect,  
Y'r excellency's mo. Ob. Serv't.

BENJAMIN RICE TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

October

States in his memorial, That in August, 1780, he qualified as an en- Bedford Co.  
sign of the Militia, in the County of Bedford; That in May, 1781, he  
qualified as 1st Lieutenant, and, that in August, 1784, he took rank as a  
captain of the Militia, by virtue of a commission from Benjamin Harri-  
son, then Governor of Virginia, and took the Oath prescribed by law.  
That altho' the several officers of Militia throughout the State, by an  
act of assembly passed Oct'r session, 1784, were disbanded, and thereby  
exonerated from the duties incumbent on them, and your memorialist  
among the rest, yet your memorialist conceives that he was reinstated  
by a subsequent act passed Oct'r, 1785, Chap. 1st, Sec. 2d. \* \* \*

That he hath no company assigned him by the County Lieutenant,  
but without any cause shewn, hath lately been summoned to attend a  
muster as a private. Will cheerfully acquiesce in the decision of the  
executive on the questions involved in the case of your memorialist.

At a court held for Rockbridge County, Nov'r 1st, 1791, David Ed- Novem. 1st  
mundson & James McDowell, Gent., were recommended to the Execu-  
tive as fit persons to execute the office of Coroner in the County of  
Rockbridge, and at the same time at the same court. On the representa-  
tion of Sam'l Lyle, gentleman, that on account of age and infirmity he  
was unable to perform the duties of Justice of the peace, the court cer-  
tified Mr. Lyles statement to the Executive.

IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Novem. 1st

Resolved, that the Executive be requested to procure fifteen hundred  
copies of the laws of the last session of Congress, or a greater number

1791. if necessary, having regard to the number of Judges of the superior  
Novem. 1st courts, Magistrates, Clerks and attorneys for the commonwealth, and  
that they be also requested to have the same number of the Laws of each  
succeeding session of Congress printed, and cause the same to be distributed  
amongst the several counties and corporations within this commonwealth, in the same manner as the laws of the General Assembly.

Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

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Novem. 1st

In the House of Delegates, Oct'r 25th, 1791.

Resolved, that the Executive be authorized to direct such temporary defensive operations in the county of Russell, or other of the western frontier counties (not extending to the district of Kentucky), as will secure the Citizens thereof from the Hostile invasions of the Indian Enemy.

Resolved, that the Executive be requested to transmit to the President of the United States, a copy of the letter from the County Lieutenant of Russell, with its inclosures, and communicate to him such defensive measures as they may think proper to direct, in consequence of the authority vested in them for the sole purpose of affording defence to our Frontier Citizens until the General Government can enter into full and effectual measures to accomplish the said object.

Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

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Novem. 2d

In the House of Senators, Wednesday, Nov. 2d, 1791.

The House proceeded according to the Order of the day, by joint ballot with the House of Delegates, to the choice of a Governor or chief Magistrate of this commonwealth, for one year from the first day of December next, and the members having prepared tickets with the names of the persons to be appointed, and deposited the same in the ballot boxes. Mr. Bassett, Mr. Wills, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Nelson, were nominated a committee to meet a committee from the House of Delegates, in the conference chamber, and jointly with them to examine the ballot boxes, and report to the Houses on whom the majority of votes should fall.

The committee then withdrew, and after some time, returned into the House, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had according to order, met a committee from the House of Delegates in the conference chamber, and jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and found a majority of votes in favour of Henry Lee, Esquire. 1791. Novem. 2d

Teste:

H. BROOKE, C. S.

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FRANCIS PRESTON TO HON. JAMES McCURG.

Novem. 3d

Informing him that the commission for the sheriff of Montgomery County, was lost in its passage from Richmond up, so that Montgomery cannot have a sheriff till the commission is renewed. \* \*

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PETITION OF MATTHEW PATE.

Novem. 4th

Stating that upon the death of the former door-keeper to your board, his widow was appointed to the vacancy, which she unable to perform, engaged your Petitioner to act in her stead, but with so small a salary, and not to be an object worth your Petitioner's notice. \* \* Humbly preys that he may be appointed Door-keeper to your honorable board, wherein he will act with care, diligence, and honesty. Door-keeper to Council

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JOHN SMITH, SHERIFF, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 4th

Sheweth that a Judgement was obtained against him in behalf of the Commonwealth, for the sum of £562, 9s, 1d, of which sum £21, 9s, 9d, were Damages, which your petitioner prays may be by order of the Executive refunded to him.

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J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE TREASURER.

Novem. 5th

Informing him that the commissioners of the federal District had drawn in favour of their Treasurer for \$28,000, and desiring to know if the state of the Virginia Treasury would enable him to pay it.

1791.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO ———.

Sir,

Novem. 5th I this moment received your favour informing of a draft from the federal commissioners for 28,000 dollars—the balance of the 40,000 Dollars directed by the assembly to be paid this year on that account, and desiring to know whether the present state of the Treasury will enable us to discharge the draft. In answer to this enquiry, I can only say, we have at this time 27,330 Dollars; this sum we are ready to pay as the Gen'l Assembly may be pleased to direct.

I am, Sir, very Respectfully,

Y'r obed't Serv't

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Novem. 5th At a court held for Rockbridge County, Nov. 5th, 1791:

Present—John Bowyer, Samuel Keys, Matthew Hanna, James Caruthers, David Edmundson, & James McDowell, gentlemen.

John Carnthers was recommended to the Governor as a fit person to be commissioned as a justice of the pence for the county of Rockbridge.

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Novem. 7th At a court held for Princess Anne county the 7th day of Nov'r, 1791, James Robinson, gentleman, was recommended to the Governor as a fit person to serve as Coroner for the County of Princess Anne.

E. H. MOSELEY, C. P. C.

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Novem. 7th

JAMES GIBSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Mathews County Petition for a reasonable reward of, or the apprehension in Baltimore, and delivery to the proper Officer of Mathews county, William Smith, sentenced to death with his accomplices for an atrocious robbery committed in the said county of Matthews. Petition accompanied by papers indicating the good character of Mr. Gibson and the value of his services.

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Novem. 7th

F. GAM'L DOWDALE TO HONORABLE JAMES WOOD.

Winchester Requesting him to tender to the executive his resignation as Sheriff of Frederick County, not wishing to continue as Sheriff the ensuing year.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1791.

Relating to the claim of a Ranger for the county of Bourbon, in Ken- Novem. 8th  
tucky, for services in 1788.

JOSEPH MARTIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 8th

Sir,

I do myself the honor to lay before your Excellency the situation Richmond  
of the inhabitants near and between Watkins' and Henderson's line, from the North Carolina line, on the blackstone mountains to mockerson Gap, thirty-five miles; from thence to Martin's Old Station, twenty-five miles; from thence to Martin's new station, twenty miles; from thence to Cumberland Gap joining the Kentucky boundary, two miles, all of which is a frontier and greatly exposed to the Indians. This is the direct road leading to Kentucky. Christman's Station is north of Clinch Mountain in Powells Valley, which settlement begins about four miles east of the said Station; from thence thinly settled to Martin's old Station, at, or near the said Station, about one hundred souls, and about four miles north of Walker's line. Martin's new station and the neighborhood, about fifty souls. This station lies between the two lines, all of which has been from the first settling enrolled in Virginia. That part which lies in Washington County is very thick settled, being about three miles in weadth and thirty-five in length; were not enrolled in either State last July and is by no means exposed to the Indians.

I am with much respect,

Your Excellency's most H. &amp; most obed't Servt.

BEVERLEY RANDOLPH, GOVERNOR, TO THE HONORABLE BOARD.

Novem. 9th

Dear Sir,

I am so indisposed as to be unable to attend the Council to-day; shall therefore be much obliged to you to proceed on the business before the Board.

Your Most Obed't Servt.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Novem. 9th

The enclosed papers were once before presented for payment, and rejected.

Council  
office

1791. Shannon's Bill was introduced into his account as an Item, and  
 Novem. 9th probably rejected because it could not be ascertained precisely how the  
 Peltries were applied to the public use.

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Novem. 10th

JOHN FOWLKES TO THE GOVERNOR.

Resigns his office as jailor of the District court jail of Prince Edward  
 County.

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Novem. 10th

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Treasury

Application is this day made at the Treasury for payment of  
 twenty-eight thousand Dollars, being the balance of the forty thousand  
 Dollars directed by the Gen'l Assembly to be paid in this year for  
 erecting the Public Buildings at the federal sent of Government on the  
 Potowmack.

The payment of this sum will exhaust the Treasury of specie. I am  
 therefore under the necessity of applying for advice and direction how  
 to act in this emergency.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't.

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Novem. 12th

Copy of Sam'l Coleman's Report in Account for provisions furnished  
 the Post at the Point of Fork, for the last two quarters, commencing the  
 first of May, and ending the 31st of October, amounting to ninety-seven  
 pounds, nineteen shillings, and five pence, and found to be correct.

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Novem. 14th

COL. WM. DAVIES TO H. LEE, ESQ.

Enclosing Abstract claims of Virginia against the United States.

Sir,

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 delphia

I am much obliged by your letter in answer to my application,  
 respecting the horses furnished by Virginia for mounting the cavalry  
 during the late war. Interested as I am in your good opinion, and  
 unwilling that after the great pains I have taken to render the claims  
 of Virginia intelligible, anything should be wanting on my part that  
 could afford satisfaction to those who are to pass upon them, I have

attended to your intimation respecting the general account required by the Board. The inclosed abstract is a copy of the claims agreeably to the mode in which I have arranged the account, and is a transcript from the statement presented to the Board since I had the pleasure of seeing you. In appreciating the paper payments, I have used the continental scale, and when that ends, I have reduced at 100 for 1. The effect of this mode of valuation is considerably in favor of the State, and as no rule of ascertaining depreciation, has as yet been established by the Board, I did not conceive myself at liberty to adopt any other principle of reduction than what had been sanctioned by congress. After all, abstracts of the claims of the state can give the general Board but little information, unless the principles on which the statements are made are previously known, which can only be learnt by an investigation of their accounts.

I shall make no apology for troubling you on the subject of this letter, since I have heard of your appointment to the chief Magistracy of your country. I sincerely felicitate you on the occasion, and as far as I shall have the honor of acting under your authority, I shall take much pleasure in evincing the respect and esteem with which I am, Sir,

Your obedient & very h'ble Serv't.

Abstract of the claims of Virginia against the United States for advances and services on account of the late war, viz:

		State's claims of Virginia against United States
Amount of payments at the Treasury, from April 17, 1775, to Sept. 1, 1777, with interest, - - -	\$3,985,388	83
Amount of payments from Sept. 1, 1777, to Dec'r 31, 1780, - - -	4,722,909	89
Amount of specifics furnished to requisitions of Congress of Feb'y & Nov. 1780, - - - - -	3,812,735	83
Amount of warrants sunk by taxes, &c. subseq't to Jan'y 1, 1781, - - - - -	2,745,137	28
Amount of bounties paid by classes & under acts of 1779, '80, '82, - - - - -	830,390	27
Amount of certificates for military pay & depreciation, - - - - -	4,868,362	92
Amount of Militia services, - - - - -	1,166,076	69
Amount of lead from the lead mines, - - - - -	81,500	00
Amount of expences of defending & securing North-western territory prior to cession, - - - - -	1,253,877	30
Amount since cession, - - - - -	10,104	90
Amount of property destroyed at Norfolk, &c., - - -	476,350	47
Amount of payments in specie & indents since Jan. 1, 1783, to requisitions of congress, - - - - -	1,352,309	84
Total,	Dollars,	26,516,290 84



1791. At a court of Oyer & Terminer, held at the Court House of Buckingham County, on Monday, the 14th day of November, 1791, for the trial of Daniel, a negro man-slave, the property of John Moseley and Major, a negro man slave the property of John Addecock, charged with burning the Tobacco house with a quantity of tobacco, the property of Isham Miles. The said Daniel was convicted of the crime charged and sentenced to be hung. Petitions numerous signed accompany the record of trial sent to the Executive praying the pardon of the said Daniel.

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Novem. 14th CLAUDE PIATT'S PETITION TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

That during the year one thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six, he was a resident of the county of Prince George, and duly enlisted his taxable property for that year, but the officer who took the list having failed to return it, judgment was entered against your petitioner for five hundred pounds of Tobacco fine, and one hundred and seventy-five pounds of tobacco, & seven shillings and six pence for costs; on which judgment, execution hath been issued against your petitioner's person. Your petitioner therefore prays that the said fine, &c., may be remitted to him.

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Novem. 14th RO. SHIELD TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Richmond States that after the Assembly of 1789, Mr. Jno. S. Langhorne went to Cumberland, and on his return the latter end of Jan'y or first of Feb'y, 1790, informed him (Shields) that he had settled for his services up to that time (with the Executive), but hearing that some vouchers in certain counties of his district had not been collected by him, he resumed his services in nearly all of Feb'y and March, and died in April before he had an opportunity of making a return to the Executive of these latter services; and for which he (Shields) is satisfied Langhorne never received any compensation.

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Novem. 16th H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

War  
Department

Upon a statement of Mr. Moore, representative of Virginia, in Congress, it appears that some doubts exist, whether the protection authorized by the President of the United States on the 28th ultimo, and transmitted to the Governor of Virginia, should be extended to the exposed parts of the counties of Wythe, Montgomery, and Washington, I

am authorized by the President of the United States to assure your Excellency that it is his desire that the defensive protection for the above-mentioned counties should be as effectual as the defence of Russell county; and further to inform your excellency that the expence of any measures which you may think necessary on the occasion proportioned to the object and consisting of the militia, and to be supplied with provisions in the manner as pointed out in my said letter of the 28th of the last month, will be paid by the General Government, on the accounts and vouchers of the services and supplies being produced at this office.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great Respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient Serv't.

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J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 17th

Sixteen thousand pounds in the Treasury this 17th of Nov'r, 1791.

Treasury  
office

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A. DAVIS, JOHN DIXON, AND T. NICOLSON TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Novem. 17th

A. Davis will print 1,500 copies of the Acts of Congress for £10 per sheet.

John Dixon will print 1,500 copies of Laws of Congress for £10 per Sheet.

T. Nicolson will print 1,500 copies of laws of Congress for £9 per sheet. Folding each sheet (containing 1,500), £0, 10s, 0d.; Sticking 1,500 Copies, £2, 10s, 0d.

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SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 19th

Sir,

The county of Nelson were allowed by the Board of Officers in Kentucky for the year 1788, twelve scouts and Eighty Rangers. \* \* I find a pay-roll of Rangers for this county settled by the Auditor for 1788, amounting to £104, 17s, 9d, and a ration account amounting to £82, 11s, 6d. The documents or papers containing these accounts were withdrawn by Col. Davies for use in the Settlement of the Accounts between the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and in the absence of these papers it cannot be determined whether certain enclosed claims are included in these Pay-Rolls or not.

Council  
office

1791.

## J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Novem. 19th    In obedience to an order of the Hon'ble the Executive, the Auditor  
 Auditor's    reports the amount of Warrants issued by their orders, for the pay of  
 office        rations of Rangers employed in the year 1791, to be as follows:

To Brigadier Gen'l Scott, & others,—Kentucky,	-	£ 8,819,	16s,	9d.
Harrison Rangers,	-	-	-	98, 13, 10
Monongalia Rangers,	-	-	-	69, 1, 1
Randolph Rangers,	-	-	-	95, 3, 8
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£10,082, 15s, 4d				

Novem. 20th

## WM. MIMACHAN AND BENJ. BIGGS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond

In consequence of the communications which we find have been made to you by the Governor of Pennsylvania, relative to certain inhabitants of the County of Ohio, we the representatives of that County, beg leave in behalf of our constituents to make the following statement of facts, which we must request you to lay before the Legislature for their information upon the subject. Two proclamations have been issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania for apprehending and carrying the said inhabitants into the State of Pennsylvania, there to be tried for certain offences, with which they are charged, and under these Proclamations, supported by the second clause of the second section of the fourth article of the federal constitution, application has been made to your Excellency to deliver them up. Whether this application be founded in justice or not, the protecting wisdom of the General Assembly will determine. The first Proclamation was issued against Francis McGwire, Baldwin Parsons, and Absalom Wells; the second against Francis McGwire and Samuel Brady. The circumstances attending the first, are as follows: Mr. Davis, formerly a citizen of Maryland, removed some years ago into this State, near to the Pennsylvania line, and brought with him a negro who was born in his family, and whom he had raised from a child. After the line was run between Pennsylvania and Virginia, it so happened that he fell within the limits of the former, where by a law passed in the year 1788, in direct opposition as we conceive to the federal constitution, negroes residing for six months within the said State, became entitled to their freedom.

In order to avoid the confiscation of his property, which he had not forfeited by any offence, having been by the unfortunate dismemberment of Virginia cast against his consent into a foreign jurisdiction highly injurious to the rights of a particular species of property, held

sacred under the government, from which he was torn, he removed the said negro across the line of the two States into Virginia, and there hired him out to a certain Mr. Miller. Whilst he was with this Gentleman, a certain club of evil disposed persons, known by the name of the Negro Club, and said to be an arm of the Pennsylvania Society for the abolition of Slavery, seduced him back into Pennsylvania with a view of indenting him, according to their constant custom for a term of years, as a compensation to the said club for their trouble in procuring for him his liberty. Mr. Miller finding the said negro had absconded, and fearing he should be made liable to pay for him, advertised him. Captain Parsons, McGuire, and Mr. Wells seeing this advertisement, and roused by a just indignation against such nefarious practices, went out and brought the negro back. 1791. Novem. 20th

For this laudible attempt to rescue the property of their fellow-citizens from these artificers of Hypocriey and fraud, they were branded and proclaimed as infamous by the Executive authority of another state, where the true culprits alone are to be found. They are charged with having fled from justice, when they have in fact always resided and still do reside upon their respective farms, when they have frequently gone since, and still do go, into the State of Pennsylvania, and even into the county of Washington in the said State, (where they were prosecuted) in broad and open day, and appear at all public places unmolested. That these men unblemished in their characters, independent in their circumstances, actuated solely by a wish to preserve the public peace in counteracting machinations to disturb it; that such men, zealous in their exertions to guard the property of their fellow-citizens against Robbers, acting under the sacred cloak of religion, should be injured in their reputation by recorded Stigma without redress, is what we conceive possible in a free government like ours. We do therefore hope that some steps may be taken to procure the revocation of this proclamation.

The second proclamation was issued against Francis McGuire and Samuel Brady. The circumstances attending this business are more extraordinary, if possible, than the former. Some time in February last, Francis Ryley's family, consisting of seven persons, was attacked—two of whom were taken Prisoners, and the remaining five inhumanly butchered by the Indians. The people were roused and fled to arms; a select party was appointed to pursue them, and they were pursued for near forty miles, towards the road leading from Fort Pitt to Fort Lawrence on the Tuscaroraw River. The savages discovering that they were pursued, dispersed. Two spies were sent out—a party of Indians were seen. A letter was then dispatched to Capt. Wells of the Pennsylvania militia, instructing him to join the Virginians; immediately he did so, and a company went out with Captain McGuire and Captain Thomas Wells. The tracks of the Indians were discovered, and they were followed to Bigg Beaver Creek in the State of Pennsylvania, where they

1791. were overtaken near to the Block House on the Opposite Shore, and four  
 Novem. 20th of them killed. Here your Excellency will be pleased to remark two  
 circumstances: the first is, that Capt. Thomas Wells, of Pennsylvania,  
 killed an Indian with his own hands and scalped him; the second is,  
 that Capt. Brady had no command, but went out as a volunteer—being  
 an old Continental Officer, and did not even fire his gun; but yet the  
 Governor of Pennsylvania has thought fit to proclaim Capt. Brady (the  
 Virginian), whilst Capt. Wells, the Pennsylvanian, escapes unmeasured  
 and even unnoticed. It is not for us to draw any conclusions; you will  
 form but too just a judgment of this proceeding, without a single com-  
 ment from us. Suffice it then to be observed that we do earnestly hope  
 that this proclamation also may be revoked, and that the legislature may  
 take such other steps as in their wisdom shall seem fit and proper, to  
 shield their innocent fellow-citizens for the future from being unjustly  
 injured in their reputation, and held up to the World without the small-  
 est guilt, as objects of Infamy. Everything before mentioned in favor  
 of the characters of the former Gentlemen, applies as strongly to these  
 with this difference only, that they have both served their country upon  
 many occasions as distinguished Officers.

Your Excellency will be pleased to pardon us for this long detail, and  
 believe us to be, with all due respect,

Your most obedient and most humble Servants.

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Novem. 22d At a General Court held in Richmond Nov'r the 21st, 1791, John  
 Richmond Crane, the younger, late of the Parish of Newborne in the county of  
 Berkeley, upon an adjourned case from the District Court held at Win-  
 chester, upon the special verdict whether the said Crane was guilty of  
 murder or manslaughter, it was adjudged that the said Crane was guilty  
 of murder, and such opinion certified to the said District court.

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Novem. 22d At a General Court held in Richmond the 22d day of November, 1791,  
 judgment was entered against William Anderson, late Sheriff of Hano-  
 ver county, for four hundred and twenty pounds, certificate taxes, for  
 the year 1786, collected from John Laurence, late Sheriff of Hanover  
 County; and that he forfeit and pay to the commonwealth three hun-  
 dred and fifty-three pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence, and interest  
 at the rate of ten per centum per annum from the ninth day of June,  
 1790; \* \* being the damages and interest incurred by the said An-  
 derson, (by reason) of failing to pay into the treasury the said sum of  
 four hundred and twenty pounds.\*

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\* W. Anderson petitioned the Executive for remission of the forfeiture above  
 mentioned; which petition was referred to the Auditor, who reported adverse to  
 the same.

JOHN ROBERTS TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

1791.

Resigns his office and returns his commission to the Governor, as Novem. 24th Public Jailor for the District of Richmond, Westmoreland, Lancaster, and Northumberland counties; Commission dated the 5th day of March, 1789.

JNO. ROGERS TO HENRY LEE, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Novem. 26th

Sir,

On my way from Spanish America across by land, I passed through the Kentucky Country, where a few days after my arrival & three days previous to my departure from thence, (which was on the 15th inst.,) we received certain intelligence of the Defeat of our Army under the command of Gen'l St. Clair, and as I think it requisite that Government have the earliest intelligence thereof, I have inclosed your Excellency a copy of Gen'l Scott's circular Letter to the County Lieuts. of Kentucky, also an extract from the Gazette with a list of the officers said to be killed and wounded. It does not appear that the army was taken by surprise, as the continual fired above sixty shots at the Enemy before the action came on, during which time, I suppose the veterans of the forrest were taking their position, as it appears they had completely surrounded the Army & attacked it on all sides at Day-break. Tomhawk in hand against Bayonets, they twice surrounded St. Clair's Tent, he being (as he generally is,) so ill with the gowte that he could not get out untill he was set on horseback, and then conducted the retreat.

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London  
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County

The Indians fought the Army 5 miles on their retreat, and were prevented from Tombawking the Gen'l in his Tent by the vigilance of the Troops who defended it. The Battle was fought 30 miles from Fort Jefferson, and about 15 miles from the ground on which Harmer was defeated last year. The remains of the army are in the above named Fort, & have only 12 days provisions, the flesh of pack horses. The Indians appeared in force round the Fort the next day. St. Clair passed on himself to the next Fort, about 60 miles distant from Jefferson, where it is said he is waiting assistance to relieve fort Jefferson. All the leading characters in Kentucky are turning out, and it was thought that a body of 1,500 or 2,000 horsemen would go to the relief of the army. The Mountain Leader, a Chickasaw, with a part of his nation & a part of the first regiment were out on command, said to have been ordered to some small Town. There is no word of them. It is generally feared they will be cut off, as they could know nothing of the defeat of the Army. There was a second party of the Chickasaw nation under the great Leder Colbert, on their way to joine our army, but had

1791. not reached it. They will now go on with the releaf. There was one Novem. 26th fellow only of that nation in the action, who it is said killed and scalped eleven of the enemy with his own hands, & engaged with the 12th; he fell greatly lamented by the Americans. Gen'l Butler was wounded and carryed to his tent to have his wounds dressed. An Indian watched where he was carryed to, then broke through our men & Tomhawked the Gen'l and the Doctor who was dressing his wounds, before he was killed by our men. It is thought the whole of the loss, including the army & the followers, amounts to 800 persons. The above appears to be the gen'l account as receaved in the Kentucky by sundry persons from the army generally corresponding, and I believe may generally be relied on.

I am, Sir,  
Your most obed't.

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Novem. 27th JOHN P. DUVAL, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF HARRISON COUNTY, TO GOV-  
ERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Sir,  
Richmond The exposed situation and the frequent Depredations which is committed in the county of Harrison by the savages, constanes me to lay before your Excellency the Distrest situation of the fronteers of the said county:

On the fourth day of last month a party of Indians fired on a party of men who was driving a drove of cattle to the Muskingum settlements, and within five or six miles thereof they kill'd four persons, took one prisoner, & wounded one; one of the party only escaped who had several Balls shot thro' his Cloths. A few days before they fell on this party, they kill'd a man near the Hockhocken & took a negro boy from the Little Kanawa, who at the time of the attact on the Drovers, made his escape.

Sir, we have frequent information of Hostilities being committed on some part of the Ohio or other; no protection is to be had from the federal government, they supposing that the present Expedition to be a protection to us; which is a mistaken Idea, as I conceive it as an Injury Rather than a protection at this time, as no Doubt but they may suppose that we are off our guard, Depending on the success of the Campaine, which is truly the case. There is at this time a number of scouts in Lewis, altho' without any authority; but your Excellency will see the necessity of the measure by the inclosed papers.

I must beg leave further to inform you that in February, 1790, I was call'd on by the fronteers of the county for protection, as there appeared to be great Danger at that time, and for my own Justification I Call'd a

council of the officers of the militia; whose result was that I should order out Eight scouts, which I accordingly did, and at the same time the council requested of me to go in person to the President at new york, which I also did, but Received no instructions from the Board of War until the 2 of May; therefore can receive no pay from the United States pryor to that date for the said scouts. So that there is from the 1 of March until the 2 of May, which I could wish your interference in Order to get them paid; which favour will be greatly acknowledged by,

Sir, your Excellency's most Ob't, Huml. Serv't.

Wm. Nims certifies that Richard Prout, one of the Inspectors at Coan Ware House, is dead, and encloses copy of Order of county Court, recommending Jeduthan Haynie, William Oldham, George Ashburne and Peter McClanahan as fit and proper persons for the office of Inspectors of Tobacco at Coan Warehouse, in the county of Northumberland.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 28th

Reports that he had written to those who appeared to be indebted to the Public on account of the Westham Foundry; all of whom who have answered his letters, deny any indebtedness.

Council  
Office

R. BATES, MAYOR OF PETERSBURG, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 28th

Sir,

I take the Liberty to inform you and the other Branch of the Executive of this State, that several attempts have lately been made to set this Town on Fire; particularly on the Night of the 23d this present month, and although every endeavor hath been made to discover the perpetrators of so heinous a crime, it has been ineffectual. I am induced to think, sir, that a Proclamation from you, offering a reward proportioned to the magnitude of the offence, would, at least, have the good tendency of deterring others from the like nefarious practices, if not bring the past offenders to Justice, and I am fully persuaded, your own knowledge of the immense loss, both of Public and private property, should such a calamity befall us will justify my troubling you with this request.

Town of  
Petersburg

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Sir,

Your ob't Serv't.



## 1791. GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Sir,

Novem. 29th  
Council  
Chamber

At the request of the Representatives of the county of Ohio, I do myself the Honor to inclose a copy of a statement of facts made by them to me, respecting the demand of Governor Mifflin for the delivery of certain persons as fugitives from justice, who were charged with the commission of certain crimes within the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

I have the honor to be, with the highest Respect,  
Your Most Obed't Servant.

Novem. 30th

JOHN WALLER AND HORATIO HALL TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond

We find by letters which have been hid before the present Gen'l Assembly, that the Governor of Pennsylvania has Demanded of the State of Virginia, Baldwin Parsons, Francis McGuire and Absalom Wills, as persons who have fled from justice in the State of Pennsylvania to the State of Virginia. Permit us, Sir, to inform you that we think the information Fntile and groundless. Did the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania mean to do that Justice to the citizens of Virginia which he appears to be so zealous to do to the citizens of Pennsylvania, He then would have merited that esteem which is due to a man of candour. But how far this has been the case the following statement of facts will determine. Parsons, McGuire and Wells, are, and Have long been citizens of the State of Virginia; the crime so loudly complained of, was their taking a negro who had been seduced from his rightful owner, a citizen of Virginia, and concealed by the negro club in the State of Pennsylvania. This, Sir, was transacted near the Extreme Boundaries of that State, while the following, we may say robberies, have been committed on the innocent citizens of Virginin, though nearer the seat of Government of the State of Pennsylvania unnoticed. The slaves of Samuel Bailey, William Dych, Charles Williams and Richard Stevens, who were removing to the District of Kentucky, through Fayette County, in the State of Pennsylvania, were either seduced or forcibly taken from their masters in the following manner:

Richard Stevens, Francis Foushee, and Nicholas Lafon, on their way to Kentucky were call'd on shore at the mouth of Big readstone to take a dram. As soon as they landed, a negro then in their possession was forcibly seized and Detained by a Mr. Jackson and his party. Samuel Bailey on his way to Kentucky, was Detained at Read-stone in the state

of Pennsylvania, by the winter frost, in which time, three of his slaves were seduced from his service, by the meritorious negro club, or in other words club of Rascals. In this situation, he was obliged to hire those negroes untill his return that way in the fall. On his return, he was informed that his negroes were free, and that he could not expect to get them. He then went in quest of them; found one, and ordered him to his boat, the negro refused to obey; was rescued by Jackson and his party, and by them directed to swear the peace against their master, who was bound in a bond of £2,000 to keep the peace with his own slave. Nearly in the same situation stand Williams and Dych, and we believe a number of others. 1791. Novem. 30th

Though we are informed the Gouverneur of Pennsylvania has been acquainted therewith, this, Sir We conceive an open violation of the Feodal constitution. We must therefore request you in behalf of Charles Williams, Wm. Dych, and the Heirs of Samuel Bailey, who are our constituents, to make a demand of the State of Pennsylvania, for the slaves so forcibly taken and detained.

We have the honor to be,  
Y<sup>r</sup> Exc<sup>y</sup>'s most ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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H. HETH TO THE GOVERNOR.

Novem. 30th

Relating to transfer tobacco under his control as agent. Asks for instructions as to its dispositions, so as to enable him to close his agency, and incloses a statement of Mr. Woodrow, of Public Tobacco sold at Cresaps, &c.

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GOVERNOR LEE TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Decem. 1st

Sir,

I do myself the Honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter received from the Delegates of the county of Bourbon stating certain Grievances to which the Citizens of this Commonwealth, emigrating to the District of Kentucky are subjected, and communicating further information respecting the demand made by his Excellency, Governor Mifflin, for the apprehension and delivery of three citizens of this Commonwealth, charged with violation of the laws of Pennsylvania.

Council  
Chamber

I have the Honour to be, sir,  
With all due respect and consideration,  
Your most ob. Servant.

1791.

A. LEWIS TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Decem. 2d  
Richmond

The great desire I have to make a satisfactory return for the trust reposed in me by your Honourable body, that they men allowed me to take charge of an exposed Frontier for at least one hundred fifty miles are too few, if it is thought more are necessary by you & to so arraigne them as to give a further allowance of Lieutenants & Ensigns command under me to be placed where there may appear to be the greatest necessity; however, if no more is allowed, I with chearfulness will persevere in the arduous task, & before a disgrace shall take place as to your trust in me, shall part with my life with pleasure in your cause. If further provision is mad, I will take the Liberty to recommend two Gentlemen that has served in that line with credit as Lieutenants; either of which shall be perfectly satisfied with (James McGavock & Wm. Preston, immaterial which for Lieutenants,) Thom Trigg, ensign. As the Business calls me immediately Home, shall set out this evening or very early in the morning, and would, if any further commissions are granted, to have them this evening.

And it is with pleasure, I have the Honour to be,

Your mo. Obed't Serv't.

Decem. 2d

A. LEWIS TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Richmond

This morning I take my leave of Richmond, & shall not have the pleasure of seeing you. I'll be much obliged to you for a few lines, if anything more is done respecting the men that are to guard the Frontiers, & hope you will think it necessary to allow me more for Russell, or if a full company is not allowed for Wythe and Montgomery as the counties join, will be no more trouble for me to command them than the number I have.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

Your mo. Ob't S't.

Decem. 2d

JAMES CRANE TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Petitions the pardon of his son, John Crane, condemned to suffer death for the murder of a certain Abraham Vanborn.

## H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

1791.

Sir,

The letter of his Excellency, Governor Randolph, dated Council Chamber, November 24th, 1791, was received by the last post and submitted to the President of the United States. And I am directed, Sir, by the President to inform you, that having confided the defence of the exposed counties of the Southwestern parts of Virginia to the Executive thereof, he feels satisfied that the defence will be proportioned to the object, and that the means to be employed will be such only as he is authorized by the laws to use for the defensive protection of the frontiers. In raising therefore the company of militia mentioned in the aforesaid letter of the 24th of November, the President of the United States requests that it may be clearly understood, that he conceives the law passed the 30th of April, 1790, authorizes him to call out mere militia, who shall be entitled to receive the same pay and subsistence only as the troops of the United States, which are specified in the said law. To this may be added such means of transportation as shall be indispensable, but he cannot promise either bounties, clothing, or any other compensation than the pay and subsistence before mentioned.

Decem. 2d  
War  
Department

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect,

Your very humble Serv't.

## R. BATES, MAYOR OF PETERSBURG, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 6th

Certifying the testimony of Ralph Pope and Samuel Pope, of Petersburg, who state that on Wednesday, the 23d of last month (November), they discovered about half-past four O'clock in the morning, the Store House of Richard Blow, of Petersburg, to be on fire, (that it was evidently the work of an incendiary), and that the said House was so situated as to endanger the greatest part of the Town of Petersburg and many of the Public Tobacco Warehouses.

Petersburg

## CORNELIUS BOGARD AND ABRAHAM CLAYPOOL TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Decem. 6th

Sir,

The late defeat of Gen'l St. Clair is matter of sufficient moment to attract the attention of every Virginian, but especially of such of us who live on the frontier. Impressed with a sense of the duty we owe to

Richmond

1791. our families & constituents, at the fatal event, We, the representatives  
Decem. 6th of Randolph County, having no one else to look to, we turn our attention to you, sir, as the Guardian & protector of our lives, our rights, our liberties. It is needless for us to inform you; we are a frontier county consequently more subject to the incursions of our cruel & merciless enemy. Fatal experience in the course of the last spring, sufficiently evinced us of their barbarity, a continuance of which hath been practised in an adjacent county, since our arrival to this place. But what have we not now to fear from the defeat of Gen'l St. Clair, who we have considered as our main barrier. We must therefore solicit the interposition of your Excellency in the granting us such temporal aid as you may deem necessary, until the General government shall take effectual measures for our defence.

We have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obedient, Humble Servant.

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Decem. 8th

JOHN P. DUVAL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,  
Richmond The Late murder which was Committed by the Savages on the 4th of October Last, neare to Muskingnm, as well as the frequent Depredations on the Western frontiers, and in particular the County of Harrison; and also the defeat of Gen'l St. Clare, which will Incorage them to persist in their Cruelty. I do therefore, in behalf of my Constituents, take the Liberty to Request of your Excellency to grant for the Pertecction of the s'd county of Harrison a sufficient numb'r of men, which may be thought necessary for to answer the purpose.

Sir, as to the Idea held out that the Federal troops are a Protection to us, is but a meare shadow without substance, and am sure that your own knowledge & expearance of a military life is sufficient to satisfy you that it is the Case. I should suppose that a Company of men from the County would be sufficient, and I would wish to be called on by the Executive for further information. I conceive also, that the Counties of Ohio & Kinaway are in Extreame Danger; those three Counties well defended, I think will cover the Hole. And Hope your Excellency will take our Distresses under Consideration, and give such Relief as may appear to be right.

And have, Sir, the Honor to be,  
Your Excellency's Most ob't, Huml. Serv't.

JAS. TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER FOR BUILDING MARINE HOSPITAL, TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE. 1791.

Incluses resolution of commissioners, requesting the Governor to issue his warrant to Wm. Newsum as Clerk to the commissioners, for twenty-five pounds out of the money belonging to the marine Hospital fund in the hands of the Treasurer; and also encloses treasurer's statement of amount of said fund—namely, £328, 19s, 4d. balance on statement of May 4th, 1790. Decem. 8th Norfolk

Henry Rigby's account, reported on by Samuel Coleman. Balance due Rigby, £50, 17s, 5d. Decem. 8th

JOS. MARTIN AND JAMES ARMSTRONG TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. Decem. 10th Sir,

Previous to the division of Henry County, Colo. Archelous Hughes was judge of the Court of said county, and after the division was left in the said county of Henry, were he continued in the said office. By an act passed this present session of Assembly for altering the line dividing Henry and Patrick countys, Mr. Hughes will fall into the latter, by which he will be disqualified from acting under his former commission. From a sence of this Gentleman's integrity and ability to discharge the duties of said office, we beg leave to mention to your Excellency that it is the wish of the people generally that Colo. Hughes should be placed first in the commission of justice of the peace in the said county of Patrick: provided it can be done with propriety. Richmond

We hope, Sir, you will comply with their wishes, and those of your

Most obedient and Most Humble Servants.

SAM'L COLEMAN, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL, TO THE GOVERNOR. Decem. 10th

On the memorial of Mr. Timothy de mon Brenn (referred to him), reports that by act of Assembly passed in October, 1783, One hundred and fifty thousand acres of land were granted to the Illinois Regiment, to be apportioned among them in the same manner that bounties in land were allowed the Officers and soldiers of the continental line; that the Illinois Regiment was a part of the State Line, and as such, entitled Council office

1791. to all the emoluments granted to that line, exclusive of the One hundred Decem. 10th and fifty thousand acres before mentioned—that being granted them for their extraordinary exertions in the Illinois Country; that his claim against the State of Virginia for his expenses at Kaskaskies, should be addressed to the legislature instead of the Executive.

The Memorial of the said de mon Breun (inclosed in the foregoing paper), states that he was a Lieutenant under Gen. George Rogers Clarke, during the expedition to the country of Illinois, when invaded by a party of the British troops & Indians under the command of Governor Hamilton, and that when Col. Winston was appointed to the command of the county of Illinois, the said Colonel commissioned and appointed your Memorialist commandant of the Village of Kaskaskias & its dependencies, at which time there were many disaffected persons in that district, in which command your Memorialist continued till the arrival of Governor Sinclair. That in the performance of his duties as commandant of Kaskaskia, to preserve the neutrality of the Indians, he found it expedient to furnish them provisions and make them presents; he suffered much during his service, having been captured and carried to Vincennes while held by Gov. Hamilton, & finally released by Gen'l Clarke. Thinks he should be compensated by the State.

Decem. 12th

WM. MEMACHAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond I beg leave to inform your Honorable board that the Indians have (these two years past), generally made their attack on the County of Ohio first. In the month of February last, they killed a Captain Bog's son, and took seven Rifles and seven horses and saddles at the same time. In March following, they killed five, took two prisoners and carried off fourteen horses. It were unnecessary to enumerate the various incursions made upon us in the present year, but 'tis certain fifty persons and upwards have been killed in the course thereof, a number exceeding that of the losses which the four counties of Monongalia, Harrison, Randolph and Kanawha collectively have sustained in the course of the four preceeding years.

When the Honorable the Executive took measures for the defence of the frontiers, formerly the number of Scouts, (if I mistake not,) was six, and that of Rangers, sixty, allotted for the defence of Ohio County. Our frontiers extends upwards one hundred miles on the River, which forms the only barrier against the attacks of the savages, and I have taken the liberty of mentioning the number of scouts and Rangers allowed formerly, that your Honors may advert to the length of the Frontier line of that period, and comparing it with what I have informed you it is now. See its increase, and of course that the situation of our people is become more critical and dangerous.

It is known to your Honors that the Indian depredations are not confined to winter only. They are as frequent in summer. When made at the former period, fresh provisions are sufficient, but at the latter, they may not answer. And as the people are obliged to pursue and at times, to be absent fourteen or fifteen days, there may perhaps appear a necessity of keeping a supply of salted provisions, such as may be most easily procured and will answer. Decem. 12th 1791.

I trust, Sir, I shall find an apology for this address in the occasion, and shall conclude with informing you that there cannot in the county of Ohio be found a single pound of good powder.

Sir, I have the honor to be,  
Y'r mo. ob't Serv't.

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LIST OF OFFICERS FOR MONONGALIA AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES. Decem. 12th

G. W. Jackson, Cornelius Bagand, Benj. Biggs, Wm. Mennahan, Abraham Claypool, John Haymond, John Evans, Ju'r, Thomas Tindell, to Richmond the Governor of Virginia.

Dear Sir,

The receipt of your Excellency's letter we acknowledge, dated the 10th of this Instant, with the highest sense of gratitude, and gives us the deepest satisfaction to see a Friendly Disposition in the Executive to give us protection. We are holding a Council amongst ourselves for the Senatorial District of Monongahalia, fixed upon the Distribution of men that we are to have for our protection, Calculating on two full Companies of Infantry, which your Excellency will see in the inclosed list, which also contains the names of those Gentlemen, who we conceive would be proper persons to take the command of those Companies. We also beg leave to inform your Excellency of another object, which we think worthy of the Executive notice, which is a proportion of ammunition to each of those Counties, and for the Respective County Lieutenants to put a small part thereof into the Hands of the Militia, with proper restrictions not to make use of any, unless actually in defence of their Country.

As to the Rations those men are to be furnished with, we have heretofore found it very difficult to procure any person of confidence to undertake to furnish those small Detachments, so dispers'd on account of the Distance & Danger, they must be pack'd together with the inconsiderable price the Undertakers have heretofore been allowed. We have thought by leaving out the articles of Liquor, Soap, & Candles, it might be made an object of some persons attention, who wou'd be depended on to furnish the Provisions at 7½ or 8 p'r Ration.



1791. We have also in Council thought it would be the most salutary measure to the Frontiers, that a Council of officers for each County should have the appointment of any succeeding officer which might be wanting by the accident of Death or any other Impediment, and should any other information be necessary, your Excellency will be Kind enough to give us notice, and it shall be Complied with as far as in our power lies.

And believe us to be, with the greatest Respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient & dutiful subjects.

N. B.—If it w'd be possible that we wou'd be allowed Eight Scouts, which wou'd be four each Company, and two for each County; which we have ever found to be the most salutary measure we have ever experienced as a temporary Relief in our Country.

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DANIEL BOONE'S LIST.

For Kanaway County, 68 Privets; Lenard Cuper, Capt. at Pint Pleasant, 17 men; Joell Dane, Insine at Bellville, 17 men; John Young, Scout at Elke, 17 men; John Morris, Juner, Insine at the Bote yards, 17 men.

Two Spyes or Scutes Will be Nesesry at the pint to sarch the Banks of the River at the Crossing places. More would be Wanting if the could be aloude. Those Spyes Must be Composed of the inhabitence who Well Know the Woods and waters from the pint to belville, 60 mildes—No inhabitence; also, from the pint to Alke, 60 Miles, No inhabitence; from Alke to the Bote yards, 20 Milds, all inhabited.

This from your most Obedient.

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JAS. KENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Richmond

We have the honor to receive from your Excellency a letter informing us that a temporary aid is granted to the frontiers of our Counties, Consisting of one Company of Infantry; the beg leave, therefore, agreeable to the request Contained therein, to recommend to the Honorable the Executive, John Preston, Esq., of Montgomery County, as a Gentleman well qualified to command the said company. We know that he possesses abilities equal to the task & courage to execute his charge, & further, he has acted in the like Command before with approbation. We also beg leave to recommend Mr. James McGavock, of Wythe, & Mr. William Preston as Gentlemen fit to act as subalterns. We hope these Gentlemen will answer our best wishes in the execution of their offices.

Should your Excellency think proper to appoint them, they have acted 1791.  
in the same capacity under commissions they now bear in that part of Decem. 12th  
the country in which they will now be stationed with applause.

We have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't.

JOHN P. DUVAL TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

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Richmond  
Informs the Governor that from the instructions received by him from the Secretary of War, it is evident that no pay can be received from the United States for Scouts until after the 10th day of August. After consultation with the delegates of his District, he recommends the Officers to command the men who are to be raised. He is shure that a few scouts would render essential service, as (he) always thinks one good scout Equal to ten common men.

JOHN KEARNS AND JOHN COWPER, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Norfolk  
They certify that they are personally acquainted with John Brown, of the county of Norfolk, and that they know he is a person of unsound mind; that he has frequently been in this unhappy situation, and was twice in confinement in the Lunatic Hospital at Williamsburg. He has enjoyed lucid intervals of one or two years or more; they recommend him to the indulgence of the Executive—Mr. Brown having been committed to the jail of Norfolk county under certain executions issued in behalf of the Commonwealth. In view of the foregoing, the General Assembly by resolution of the 9th of December, 1791, requested the Executive to suspend the operation of the said Executions, for such time and on such conditions as they (might) think proper.

JOHN HARVIE AND W. FOUSHEE, DIRECTORS OF THE JAMES RIVER COM- Decem. 13th  
PANY, TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Request payment of the balance of the requisitions now due as well Richmond  
as for the delinquent shares purchased in the James River company.

G. W. JACKSON TO GOVERNOR LEE.

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D. Sir,

Since your Excellency mentioned your desire of Ingaging with Richmond  
some person to muster and provision those Rangers who is to be raised

1791. for our Western Defence, I have thought of undertaking the business  
 Decem. 13th in our Senatorial District, should your Excellency think me a proper  
 person, and if surety should be necessary, there is several Gentleman here  
 of my acquaintance on the Assembly that I can give. I have also con-  
 nected with the majority of the representatives from our District and it  
 seems very agreeable to them. At the same time I beg leave to men-  
 tion another Circumstance, that is, should the Executive allow ammuni-  
 tion for our Country, have a gentlemen going to leave this place to-mor-  
 row, who, I believe, would undertake to waggon it out and could be de-  
 pended upon.

I have the Honor to be,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient and very Humble Servt.

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Decem. 14th CHARLES PINCKNEY, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO THE GOVER-  
 NOR OF VIRGINIA.

South Demands John Holzendorf, charged with forgery in the State of  
 Carolina South Carolina, and fleeing from justice to the State of Virginia, in  
 which last State it is alleged that the said Holzendorf now is. This requi-  
 sition bears the signature of Charles Pinckney as Governor, and Peter  
 Freneau as Secretary, and has affixed to it the Great Seal of State.

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Decem. 15th A. SINGLETON TO A BLAIR.

Sir,

It is impossible to give an exact account of the cash in hand at present, but I presume there may be near £15,000.

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Decem. 16th Resolved unanimously, that the Resolution on which the address to  
 House of the Natural Assembly of France is founded, together with the Address  
 Delegates itself, be transmitted by the Executive to that Body.

Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

Agreed to by the Senate:

H. BROOKS, C. S.

A copy—Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

G. W. JACKSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

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D. Sir,

This instant I Rec'd your letter and the appointment to furnish Decem. 16th the Companys of Volunteers, which is to be rased for our defence next Richmond spring, and shall most ashuredly comply with the trust reposed in me by the Executive if in my power, but I feare it will be almost impossible, as the distance is very considerable, the provisions must be pack for those rangers. When I first thought of undertaking to find those men, it was my intention to precaure some Gentlemen in each County who I could confide in to furnish the rangers allowed to their County, for it is neare One hundred & forty miles from the Courte House of Randolph to the Court House of Ohio County; and I also expected the rations would be at 7s, 2d., at least, as I have been informed by Col'n Beggs, a member of the Assembly for Ohio County, that the contractor for the Federal troops is allowed ten or Eleven Cents; this last fall p'r ration on account of the scarcity of provisions, &

I am your Excellency's  
Most obedient and Humble Serv't.

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AUGUSTINE DAVIS TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Decem. 16th

Richmond  
Informs him that the 1500 copies of the acts of the 3d session of Congress directed by the General Assembly of Virginia to be printed for the use of the Counties, are now ready to be delivered.

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WM. MEMACHAN TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Decem. 18th

Sir,

Richmond  
I have the honor to transmit the inclosed as the form of an agreement for the transportation of the ammunition allotted for the frontier counties. The Expenses attending it are low, and Colonel Boone's inducement to the undertaking is the payment of the Consideration in *advance* on the determination of the Honorable the Executive in this case; the agreement will be executed, and either lodged in the Council chamber or remain with me.

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully, Sir,  
Y'r m. ob't Serv't.

1791. Free negro Abraham entitled to £19, 7s, 10d, for services at the West-Decem. 19th ham Foundry during the management of Mr. Reveley.

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JOHN P. DUVAL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Richmond

I ca'd wish to have about 20 of the men to be Raised for the Defence of Harrison County stationed on the Ohio, 10 at Neebo Station, the Little Kanawha, & 10 at or near the mouth of Muskingum.

I ca'd also wish your Excellency to appoint some person to employ a person to prepare the arms belonging to this State in the Counties of Ohio, Monongalia, Harrison, & Randolph, as they are much out of Repair, and also wish you to appoint Col. Benjamin Wilson to muster the men for the Counties of Harrison & Randolph.

And am, Sir,

Y'r Excellency's most ob't, Huml. Serv't.

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JAS. MONROE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Philadelphia

My preceding letters to Governor Randolph Communicated the several propositions that had been made upon the representation bill in the Senate, and the State in which the business then rested, after being handed from house to house for some time upon the amendment of one for 33,000—each insisting. Yesterday the H. of R. adhered to the Bill as originally adopted there. The question was in consequence resumed in the Senate to-day, and the motion for adherence carried in the affirmative by the vote of the Vice-President only. By this, the bill has been lost, so that the subject must be commenced again. I will hereafter transmit to your Excellency a copy of the whole of the proceedings upon this subject.

I have the honor to be, with great respect & esteem,

Y'r Excellency's most Ob't & very humble Serv't.

Decem. 20th At a Court held for Augusta County the 20th of December, 1791, and 16th year of the Commonwealth:

Present—William Bowyer, Richard Mathews, Alexander Nelson, James Ramsey, James Berry, David Stephenson, Joseph Bell, Robert Porterfield, Alexander Gibson, Robert Douthat, &c., Gentlemen Justices.

A majority of the acting magistrates within the said County being present, doth recommend to his Excellency, the Governor, the following gentlemen as fit persons to be added to the Commission of the peace for the said County of Augusta, to-wit: Alexander Humphreys, James Lyle, William Robertson, and Robert Stuart. 1791. Decem. 20th

And at a Court Continued and held for the said County, Wednesday, the 21st December, 1791:

On the determination of the Court of Augusta County of yesterday, recommending the following persons to be added to the Commission of the peace for the said County, viz: Alexander Humphreys, James Lyle, William Robertson, and Robert Stuart, William Bowyer, presiding magistrate of said Court, begs leave to enter his dissent as to the recommendation of James Lyle for the following reasons: as the said Lyle is clerk of the District Court of Augusta, he conceives a great impropriety of his setting as one of the Judges of the County Court, as many matters coming under their Cognizance are removeable to the District Court where he is Clerk, and may be Interested; which is Humbly submitted to the Honorable Executive for their Consideration.

Test:

A. McCLENACHAN, C. A. C.

WM. DAVIES TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Decem. 20th

Sir,

The papers enclosed herewith are copies of some settlements for which Mr. Coleman applied some time since, and should have been forwarded sooner, could the originals been sooner obtained from the office of the General board. In making the copy, I directed that the calculations, &c., of the Auditor should be written in red ink for distinction sake, which you will please to observe.

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In regard to the settlement of the account of the State with the United States, nothing new has occurred to lessen the expectation of a favorable issue; on the contrary, I have so far impressed the Board with the Justness of the Statements, from the progress already made in the investigation, that they have assented to a mode of examination much more summary & (of course superficial) than we have hitherto adopted.

I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully,

Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't.

1791. Daniel Boon gives receipt for 4 hundred w't of powder, & 1600 w't  
 Decem. 22d of lead, with 1 barrel of flints, for the use of the company under his com-  
 Point of mand, and that under Captain Lowther, which he engages to employ  
 Fork without change or barter, solely in the service of the Commonwealth,  
 &c., &c.

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Decem. 22d W. McMachan having delivered the advance stores, as required, orders  
 Richmond Colo. Daniel Boon to deliver at Moorfield, in Hardy County, sixty lbs.  
 of powder, 240 w't of lead, & proportion of flints; at Morgan Town, 190  
 w't powder, 760 w't of lead, & proportion of flints; at the mouth of  
 Buffalo, 150 w't of powder, & 600 w't lead, & proportion of flints, &c.

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Pennsyl- To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
 vania Pennsylvania:  
 Gentlemen,

In compliance of the request of the Governor of Virginia, I have directed the Secretary to lay before you a variety of communications respecting the several demands, which under the sanctions of the federal Constitution, were formerly made upon the Executive of that State for surrendering certain persons as fugitives from Justice of Pennsylvania, and should you be desirous of obtaining further information upon the facts that are involved in these subjects, I beg leave to refer you to the address and the Documents which were delivered to the Legislature on the 24th day of August last.

This representation from the State of Virginia, appears in some respects to be founded upon misinformation as to the facts, and in others, upon a misconception as to the Law, In the case of the demand, for delivering up the persons who had forcibly carried off a free negro, it is indeed avowed that the act was committed, but the authority of the state to render it criminal, the circumstances which constitute a flight in the offenders, and the operative sanction given to the demand by the present Constitution of the Union, are still doubted and denied. I trust however, that it will not be thought necessary at this day, to assert the sovereignty of the state within her own territory, upon matters of internal policy. She had the unalienated powers to Legislate upon the subject which has produced the controversy. Her Law defined and declared the offence, and it is the duty of her officers, if they cannot prevent, to furnish, (punish!) every violation. The offence it is true, can only be committed or punished within the Jurisdiction of the Government, (under) whose authority the Law is enacted, but when committed, whether by Citizens or by Strangers, the federal obligation

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expressly provides against that impunity, which flight into another Country might otherwise afford. The Documents that have been transmitted by the Executive of Virginia, provides (prove!) that the Citizens of that state made an irruption into Pennsylvania, with the immediate purpose of carrying off the negro in question. The moment that the act was committed, these persons became offenders in the contemplation of the law; and the moment that they retired from the jurisdiction of this state, they became fugitives from justice, within the meaning of the Constitution of the United States. Nor can it be of any importance to the enquiry, whether the circumstances stated respecting the original condition of the negro are true or not, since the Laws of Pennsylvania, though they will not permit violence or injustice, supply an adequate remedy for every wrong. If the negro was not lawfully emancipated, he would have been restored to his Master upon a peaceable application to a competent tribunal, but if by the benevolent operation of an Act of the General Assembly, (which has long been esteemed an honor and an ornament to our code,) he has obtained his freedom, it is surely incumbent on the power that bestowed the blessing to protect him in the enjoyment of it. Thus the claim to the services of the negro, if just, did not require force to maintain it, and if unjust, force can never alter its nature, or be allowed to expiate the injury, which in effect it perpetuates.

But independent of these considerations, it will be remembered that in the case of the negro who was deprived of his liberty, as well as in the case of the Indians who lost their lives on Beaver Creek, the Grand Inquest of the proper County have brought the several accusations against the persons that were named in the respective requisitions presented to the Executive of Virginia. The investigation of the facts, therefore, rests with another tribunal, and ought not to be unnecessarily discussed in an extra-judicial manner. But if the solemn presentments of a grand inquest are to be considered as charges, if the facts stated in these several presentments amount to crimes, or in other words, if our Laws have any force, even within the boundaries of the Commonwealth, and if strangers, who having willfully committed an offence against the municipal Law of Pennsylvania, retire to a neighboring State, may be denominated fugitives from Justice, then every member of the section of the Federal Constitution which authorizes the demand as a preliminary to the trial of the offenders is amply satisfied on the present occasion, and neither policy, justice, nor candor will admit a construction of that constitution which at the time of the ratification shall place the Citizens of the Union in a state of nature, and declare the antecedent period to be now free from every federal compact or obligation.

I have thought it proper, Gentlemen, to accompany the papers from Virginia with these explanatory remarks, and shall take an opportunity



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of communicating my sentiments upon the subject to the Executive of that State from whose candor, judgment, and patriotism I expect every satisfaction that the case requires.

That part of the Communication which alleges that some irregularities have been committed by the Citizens of this State in seducing and Harboursing the Slaves of Virginians, I shall also endeavour to investigate; but in the meantime we may indulge an honest pride, and our sister State enjoy a reasonable consolation in reflecting that the Courts of Justice are invested with full powers to redress every injury which one individual can suffer, and those powers will certainly be exercised with wisdom, vigilance, and impartiality.

(Signed) THOS. MIFFLIN.

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Russell Co. Simon Cockrell reports to the Executive of Virginia "the situation of the County of Russell" in regard to the Indians. Guards of men required as follows: "At the Baptist Valey at the begining of the county ought to be ten men; ten more at the Richland on Clench river; Ten more at the new Garden; Ten Glade hollow; 20 at Castles woods; Ten at the crossing of Clinch at the Kentucke road; Ten men for the defence of mockason; Ten more rie cove. These men are highly necessary, exclusive of those of Powell's Valey, for the defence of the body of Rnsell county. Powel's valey is ten miles distance from the nearest body of this settlement, and contains about 150 male titheables; this settlement is about 80 miles long," &c.

Surry Co.

ERASMUS GILL TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Recommending Mr. Francis Ruffin as a proper person to collect the "arrearages of Taxes due," in the District of Surry County. He begs leave to assure the Governor that "Mr. Ruffin's moral character is pure and honest. His circumstances in life are easy, & he is blessed with an agreeable family, whose affability inclears them to all their acquaintance. Added to this Mr. Ruffin has a son grown, who can assist him & facilitate the business," &c., &c.

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HARRY HETH TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

Richmond

I have the Honor to Inclose you an Am't Sales of the balance of Tobacco rec'd by me as agent for the sales thereof. A statement of the

Loss sustained by the public on the said tobaccos, amounting to £34,730, 7s, 6½d; for which sum your Hbl. Body will be prepared to Decem. 24th direct the Auditor to give me credit that my account may be balanced on the public Books. 1791.

I hope to be pardoned for suggesting that the allowance made me by the Hbl. the Executive for transacting this business, has not been proportioned to the trouble, risque, and anxiety attending it. It certainly could not have been their intention to reduce the allowance *below* an equivalent for my services; and yet I am persuaded, that when the circumstances relating to the Agency are reconsidered, it will appear to be the case. I however acquiesced in silence under their prior determination on the subject, because I conceived that when they voted me three-fourths of one per cent. on the sales of the first year, they had in contemplation to fix a datum whereby to apportion an annual salary, rather than regulate my future allowance by the same rate per centum.

I trust, Sir, that this opinion will not by them be deemed unreasonable, when it is considered that the sales of the present year consisted mostly of Transfer Tobacco; the greatest part of which was vendd by the Inspectors at the different Warehouses (which I was necessarily compel'd to reset) and equally diverted both my time and attention from engaging in any other business.

I have the honor to be, with respect,

Your Exc'y mo. ob. Hbl. Srv.

## II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Decem. 24th

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 12th instant, together with its enclosures, all of which have been submitted to the President of the United States. War Department

The letter of the 24th of November, written by your predecessor was received by the post on the third, and answered on the fifth instant.

The President of the United States has directed me to assure your Excellency that he considers the United States responsible for the necessary expence to be incurred at this time, for the defensive protection of the frontiers. That the arrangement which has been ordered by the Executive of Virginia by their act of the twelfth instant, appears judicious and as economical as the state of the case will admit, and that it will therefore be paid by the General Government, according to the restrictions stated in my letter to your Excellency of the fifth instant.

It is, however, to be observed, that the employment of the Scouts were not contemplated, but as they are considered as essentially necessary, and as Congress have, within a few days past, made appropria-

1791. tions for their pay on a former occasion, the President of the United  
Decem. 24th States assents fully to their adoption. At the same time it is conceived  
that the number for the Ohio County are not sufficient, it having such  
an extended frontier.

The County lieutenant therefore will be permitted to call out a number not exceeding eight for the said county, and if your excellency should conceive an additional number necessary to any other county, you will please to direct the same and inform me thereof. As major-general St. Clair is empowered on this subject, it is presumed he will make an arrangement with brigadier-general Scott for the temporary defensive protection of Kentucky.

I take the liberty to request that your Excellency would be pleased to direct that the county lieutenants make monthly returns to this office of all Militia or Scouts employed at the expence of the United States.

When the accounts of the expences for the defensive protection of the past year, mentioned in your excellency's letter, shall be received, they will be examined and the result thereof transmitted to you. The expences for the Scouts of Randolph county, which you enclosed, shall be paid to the order of the lieutenant of the said County.

The President of the United States has directed me to thank your excellency for your assurances of the ready concurrence of the Executive of Virginia in the measures of the general government, taken for the defensive protection of the frontiers. Although this Assurance had been wanting, he should have entirely relied upon the patriotism of the executive, of which you are the head, to support every proper measure for the Common good of our country.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant.

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December CAPTAIN E. LANGHAM TO GOVERNOR BEVERLEY RANDOLPH.

Plans for reduction of Expenses at Point of Fork:

1 Superintendent, 4 Armourers, 1 Corporal, 9 Soldiers, 1 State negro. One year's rations for 16 men; one year's fatigue rum; Forage one year—Total, £724, 6s, 8d.

1 Superintendent, 2 Armourers, 1 Corporal, 6 soldiers, 1 State negro. One year's rations for 11 men; Forage one year; One year's fatigue rum; Contingent expenses—Total, £545, 12s, 11d.

Present arrangement for One year.

1 Superintendent, 7 Armourers, 1 Corporal, 15 Soldiers, 2 Carpenters, 4 Women, 2 Children, 1 State negro. One year's Rations for 33 persons; One year's Forage for the Post—Total, £1,162, 12s, 4½d.

List of Warrants issued by the Auditor from July the 26th, 1791, to 1791.  
December the 31, 1791, inclusive, except interest on certificates, distin- Decem. 31st  
guishing the funds and subjects, and stating the persons in behalf of  
whom the warrants issued.

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WM. MEMACHAN & BENJAMIN BIGGS TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Sir,

The alarming intelligence lately received, of the defeat of the Army in the Western country, fills our minds with dreadful fears and apprehensions concerning the safety of our fellow citizens in the county we represent, and we confidently hope will be an excuse to your Excellency whose zeal has been so frequently evinced in behalf of the distressed Frontier counties for the request we are now compelled to make. In the course of the last year, upwards of fifty of our people were killed, and a great part of our country plundered, notwithstanding the aid afforded by the Pennsylvanians who joined the Virginians in our defence. The success of the Indians in their late engagement with General St. Clair will no doubt render them more bold and daring in their future incursions and attacks upon our defenceless inhabitants. Those adjoining the county of Harrison, extending one hundred miles, covering the county of Monongahalia, and we conceive that not less than sixty or seventy men will be sufficient to defend them. Thro' you, sir, we beg leave to request this assistance.

We have the honor to be, Sir, with the greatest Respect,  
Your Ex'y's most Ob't & very Hum. Serv'ts.

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JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR WOOD. 1792.

Jan. 3d  
Informs the Governor that neither the Strictures of Governor Mifflin, nor the reasonings of the Attorney-Gen'l of the United States have induced [him] to recede from the Opinion which some months since [he] gave to the Executive on a subject similar to the one alluded to in the [Governor's] letter; that if the Governor desires the reasons for his opinion, upon being furnished with the necessary exhibits and papers, [he] will comply with such request.

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The Governor laid before the board various representations on the Jan. 3d  
subject of a proclamation issued by the Executive on the 3d of May In Council  
last, in consequence of a demand made by his Excellency, Gov'r Mifflin,

1792. Proclamation for apprehending McGuire and Brady, issued May 3d, 1791 for the delivery of certain citizens of this Commonwealth, in order that they may be tried in Pennsylvania for a crime committed within that State. The Board not being satisfied of the truth of the charge that the persons demanded had *fled* from justice, advised that a proclamation issue suspending the operation of the proclamation of the 3d of May last, until further order be taken therein.

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Jan. 3d GOVERNOR LEE TO THE COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF KANAWHA COUNTY.

Requests him to make out a statement of all expenses which accrued during 1791, in defence of his county, and forward the Original to the Secretary of war, and a copy of the same to Governor Lee. "These expenses for defence will be paid to yourself or order by the Secretary of War."

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Jan. 3d AUDITOR TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR JAMES WOOD.

Auditor's office The Auditor begs leave to observe to the hon'ble the Executive that the Sol's office is discontinued by Law from 31 ulto., [December, 1791]; the duties from that period to be executed by the Auditor.

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Jan. 4th JAMES NIMMO TO HENRY LEE, ESQ.

Norfolk Sir,  
Borough Previous to the receipt of your Letter covering the resolutions of the Gen'l Assembly on the claims of Calvert and Gardner Ag't the Commonwealth, Mr. Speaker had communicated your wishes to me respecting the Depositions necessary to substantiate them. A Deposition has been taken in due form and forwarded. The claimants being the only Sons and Heirs of their deceased Parents, was a circumstance so notorious that it was omitted in the Deposition; if, however, you supposed it essential, a Deposition to that effect shall be immediately forwarded.

I am, with respect, Sir,  
Y'r mo. Ob't.

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Jan. 4th JOSEPH HORNSBY TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Williamsburg Informs him that the Lunatic Hospital at W'msb'rg is much in want of money.

Requests that the Treasurer of the Commonwealth be required to pay 1792.  
to Mr. Robert Greenhow £150, balance of an order of £300, which bal- Jan. 4th  
ance had been advanced by said Greenhow to the Court of Directors of  
the Lunatic Hospital.

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ANTHONY SINGLETON TO GOVERNOR LEE. Jan. 5th

Resigns his agency of the Sinking Fund, and requests that a com-  
mittee be appointed to receive the books, papers, money, &c.

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H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. Jan. 9th

Sir,

In pursuance of your letter of the nineteenth of last month, and in War  
pursuance of the act of Congress of the tenth of August, 1790, relative Department  
to the lands for the late Virginia line, I have been endeavouring to have  
made a return of the nature described in the said act; but difficulties  
almost insuperable have occurred. The muster rolls are extremely  
defective, and so are the returns. The settlements made of arrears are  
not much better. The United States promised lands only to the Soldiers  
enlisted during the war, but the State of Virginia appears to have  
promised lands to the soldiers enlisted for three years, and even for a  
less period. The former return transmitted, besides the commissioned  
officers, noticed only such non-commissioned officers and privates as  
were enlisted for the war. The cases being thus circumstanced, I must  
request the assistance of your Excellency, if any authentic documents  
are in the offices of Virginia, which will exhibit the names of persons  
on continental establishment, and entitled by the laws of Virginia to  
the lands in question; that you will be so good as to transmit them to  
me, so by comparing with the evidence we have, I may be enabled to  
transmit the return as mentioned in the law. I shall in the mean time,  
direct the subject to be prosecuted according to the documents we  
possess.

I have the honor to be with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant.

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ARCHIBALD WOODS TO GENERAL JAMES WOOD, Esq. Jan. 9th

Sends his return of provisions purchased for the Rangers for his Dis- Wheeling  
trict; had purchased near six month's provisions for the Rangers of his  
District, but if the Rangers should not be kept in service after March,

1792. he would sustain loss in consequence of a portion of the provisions being  
 Jan. 9th unused. Hopes the Executive will protect him from such loss. States  
 "Gen'l Wyne is encamp'd Eighty-two miles above this place, but none  
 of his Troops has been in this county or on the frontier thereof as  
 Guards to my knowledge.

Jan. 9th

THOMAS NEWTON, JR., TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Inclosing the award of George Kelly and Wm. Lindsay, arbitrators  
 between Thos. Newton, Jr., (for and in behalf of the State of Virginia),  
 and John McCoomb, of New York, undertaker to build the Light-House  
 on Cape Henry. The arbitrators are of opinion that raising the stone  
 from the water had cost Mr. McCoomb more than the same amount of  
 Stone "delivered on the Spott."

Jan. 10th

Calvert & Gardner; their claim for property destroyed:

Norfolk Borough:

Norfolk  
 Borough

Henry Henly of lawful age, being sworn on the Holy Evangelist,  
 deposeth and saith that He was a Sergeant in Captain William Davies'  
 company of the first Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Patrick  
 Henry; that He was with Capt. Davies' Company at the destruction of  
 Norfolk; that being a resident of the Town of Norfolk previous to the  
 Commencement of Hostilities, He, this deponent, was frequently ordered  
 on duty out of here in consequence of his knowledge of the Town;  
 that Lord Dunmore cannonaded the Town on the first day of January,  
 one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and set fire to a number of  
 the Houses on the wharves; that the fire occasioned by the burning of  
 the warehouses, was in a great measure extinguished on the morning of  
 the second day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-  
 six; that early on the morning of the said second day of January, this  
 deponent was ordered to take command of a patrolling party, and to range  
 near the lower streets and wharves; that in the course of performing  
 this duty, this deponent apprehended a number of the Troops of this  
 State, with fire-brands in their hands, destroying the Houses of the  
 inhabitants; that this deponent on the said second day of January, saw  
 The Houses of the estate of Saunders Calvert and of John Gardiner  
 standing unhurt; that the British never after the first day of January,  
 1776, set fire to any House within the Borough of Norfolk; and this  
 deponent verily believes that the Houses of the said Saunders Calvert's  
 estate, now claimed by his Son, Cornelius Calvert, and of John Gardiner,  
 claimed by his son, Christopher Gardiner, was destroyed by the  
 Troops under the command Col. How & Col. Woodford.

Interrogatories.

1792.

Are you certain that the Houses of Calvert & Gardiner were standing Jan. 10th unburnt on the 2nd Jan'y, 1776?

A. I am certain they were. Being before that period acquainted with the Town and its inhabitants, I was hurt at the destruction that seemed to threaten it from the Troops that was designed for its defence, and seeing Houses unhurt after the burning of Dunmore made an impression on my mind.

Q. Are you certain the Houses of Calvert & Gardiner were destroyed by the Troops of this State?

A. As far as it is possible for a Man to be certain, I am. Lord Dunmore's Troops never landed in that, or any other part of the Town, so as to burn any Houses, and the Troops under Cpts. Woodford & Howe, were certainly engaged in the destruction of the remaining Houses.

H. HENLY.

Sworn to, the 29th of December, 1791.

Certified.

Henry Henly personally appeared before me, Cary H. Hansford, Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk, & made oath to the above deposition. Witness my hand this 29th December, 1791.

CARY H. HANSFORD, Mayor.

James Nimmo, Attorney for the Commonwealth for the Borough of Norfolk, assented to the above deposition before me, the 10th Jan'y, 1791.

CARY H. HANSFORD, Mayor.

Norfolk Borough:

Paul Proby formally appeared before me and made oath that he has been acquainted with the Family of Sanders Calvert and John Gardiner, late of the Borough aforesaid, and that Cornelius Calvert, Jun'r, is only son and Heir of Saunders Calvert, and that Christopher Gardiner is the only son & Heir of John Gardiner.

PAUL PROBY.

Sworn to in presence of James Nimmo, att'y for the Commonwealth, before me 10th Jan'y, 1792.

CARY H. HANSFORD.



1792. Resolution respecting Cornelius Calvert December 15th, 1791:

Jan. 10th

In the House of Delegates,  
Thursday, the 15th of December, 1791.

Resolved, that the petition of Cornelius Calvert, son and heir-at-Law of Saunders Calvert, deceased, praying to receive payment for certain property destroyed in the Borough of Norfolk by the Troops of this State during the late war be referred to the Executive, who, on proof thereof to them made, may direct the Auditor of Public Amounts to issue certificates for the same agreeable to the valuation of the Commissioners appointed to ascertain the losses sustained by the destruction of the said Borough.

Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

1791, December 17th.

Agreed to by the Senate.

H. BROOKE, C. S.

A copy—Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

#### RESOLUTION RESPECTING CHRISTOPHER GARDNER.

In the House of Delegates, Thursday, the 15th of December, 1791.

Resolved that the petition of Christopher Gardner, only son and heir-at-Law of John Gardner deceased, praying to receive payment for certain property destroyed in the Borough of Norfolk by the Troops of this State, during the late war, be referred to the Executive, who on proof thereof to them made, may direct the Auditor of Public Accounts to issue certificates for the same, agreeably to the valuation of the Commissioners appointed to ascertain the losses sustained by the destruction of the said Borough.

Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

Agreed to by the Senate, December 17th, 1791.

H. BROOKE, C. S.

A copy—Teste:

CHARLES HAY, C. H. D.

CAPTAIN JNO. ROGERS TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

1792.

Sir,

I find by the Journals of the Assembly, that they have passed a resolution directing your Excellency to send to the president of the United States, a statement of facts in the case of Charles Russell and others, officers and soldiers who have located their lands below the Tenece. As I have had it in my power perhaps to be better acquainted with the situation of the lands and claims alluded to by the resolution, than any other person, I have therefore taken the liberty to send your Excellency the following statement of facts, &c.

Jan. 10th  
Caroline

At the close of the war, I was appointed by the officers a superintendent of the military Claims, and by the Assembly a Trustee for the purpose of assignating & laying off 4,000 acres of land upon the Mississippi, which this State gave the Army for the purpose of building a Town on. To comply with which appointments, I went to the Mississippi in the spring of 1784, and explored the country below the Tenece as well for the purpose of finding an eligible spot for the Town, as to enable me to locate for the officers and soldiers their claims upon the best lands, as appeared to have been the intention of the Assembly should be done. Upon the return of the superintendents to the falls of Ohio, from the different parts of the Military bounds which they had gone out to explore, they directed the opening of the surveyors office, and proceeded to make entries of the claims or warrants then in the hands of the surveyor. The priority of location being first determined by lottery, at which time, (by examining my notes of the entries made by the Superintendents,) I find there was located between the Tenece, Ohio, Mississippi, and Carolina Line, the quantity of acres of — Military claims, and 4,000 acres for the Town of Colombia, and that all the first entries were made in this quarter, it being thought to be the most desirable part of the Military bounds. There are many of the officers that have the whole of their claims located in this tract, and others have sold their lands in this quarter for a good price, & have bound themselves to make good the title, which in the present situation of those lands is out of their power to do, notwithstanding which, several officers of my acquaintance have had suits instituted against them for. I myself became a purchaser in this tract, for which I gave 6½s. p'r acre in spita, exclusive of the surveying and patenting fees. The present situation of the above tract of country, if not attended to by the publick, will occasion many other officers and soldiers to loose their bounty in Lands, & others to be torn to pieces with ruinous law suits, to make good a title which is out of their power to do, and which they were induced to bind themselves for, in consequence of the publick faith being pledged to the Army. There is also in this tract about 300,000 acres of land claimed by Individuals, located and surveyed upon Treasury war-

1792. rants, previous to the reservation to the army. I will relate another  
 Jan. 10th fact which the Assembly in their resolution has taken no notice of, (I suppose for the want of Information it escaped them.) It is the cession made by the comitioners at the Treaty of Hopewell, on the Cowee River in 1786, of all the lands laying West and Southwest of the dividing ridge between the waters of the Cumberland and Tenece Rivers to the Chickasaw nation, which nation had no claim to so much of the lands so ceded, as lay above or east of Tenece, and were originally bounded to the Eastward by that River. This nation were also in a perfect state of peace & friendship with the United States when the above treaty was pretended to be made. They having laid down the Tomhawk upon receiving a message from Gen'l Clark desiring them to do so, therefore no such sacrifice as was made of the lands above the Tenece could have been requisite. The several Indian claims to all the country within the Chartered Limmits of this State south of the Ohio, which lays East of the Tenece, was extinguished at the treaty of Lancaster, in 1744. and again confirmed at the treaty of Fort Stanwix, in 1768, and I believe again re-extinguished by Henderson, & Co., for which as it was thought their purchase had tended to reconsoile the Indians.

This State gave the above company 200,000 acres of Land at the mouth of Green River; this circumstance, as far as it relates to the cession of the lands above or east of the Tenece, I cannot but view as a wanton attack of the comitioner who made the treaty upon the sovereignty of the state as well as a more wanton usurpation & sacrifice of private property—to what (may perhaps) be called publick good; for there is about 10,000 acres of military claims located, surveyed, and patented in this Tract, 2,000 acres of which is my property, part of the Bounty for my own services, and was patented to me in October, 1786. It lays in the Fork at the confluence of those two fine Rivers—the Ohio and Tenece; this I have held as a most valuable spot, being situate upon two of the Largest Rivers in the United States. I have long intended to lay out a Town thereon, and have long waited for the publick to do something with the Indian claim which has been lately set up to this Tract, but finding that nothing was like to be done, I had determined to settle the above place, and have engaged a number of Families in the Kentucky and Cumberland Settlements to go with me for the purpose of settling a Town thereon next fall. I hope previous to that time the publick will step forward in behalf of such Individuals as are unjustly kept out of the use of their property in this quarter, by unjust Treatys or publick regulations, &c.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obed't and most Humb. Serv't.

## MAJOR E. LANGHAM TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Incloses an account of Hirelings' wages at Point of Fork since last May. Thinks they should be paid. Requests directions as to the debts due—whether to await payment, bring suits, or return the accounts to the solicitor—thinks the debtors able to pay. Bonds are taken payable to the Governor and his successors. His long continuance in the public service has much deranged his private affairs, and as he will have occasion during the coming year to visit Kentucky and Maryland, will not be able to give proper attention to the public business, unless permitted to employ a clerk at the Point of Fork or allowed a reasonable vacation, to make the visits mentioned.

Jan. 11th

## SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 11th

Informs the Governor that he had examined the quarterly returns from the Post at the Point of Fork, and find the amount of Wages due the Superintendent, Artificers, and Guards, to the 31st of December, 1791, to be £89, 1s, 8d. \* \*

Council office

## SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 16th

Enclosing a memorandum of Artillery at Taylor's Ferry on the Pamunkey River in Hanover County, belonging to the Public:

Council office

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have seen Mr. Taylor on the subject of the disabled brass cannon, and the utmost which I could get him to offer for it, is three pence half penny per pound. By what I understand of him, the preparation of the metal for fusion will be infinitely more expensive than the transportation of it, as he will be under the necessity by Laws and other apparatus which he must provide and prepare for the purpose, to reduce it to pieces, to be received by Crucibles not more than 4 or 5 inches diameter, and 8 or 9 inches deep. This in part may as well be done where the cannon is, as in Richmond; by which it will be rendered conveniently portable, and therefore may as easily be transported as any other article of the same weight. I am honored with a note from Colonel Steele informing me that the price of

NOTE.—The above letter relates to Seven brass cannon, weighing respectively from 4,960 to 6,040 pounds; also to three large iron cannon—all of which were examined by Wyatt Coleman & J. Taylor, Jan'y 3d, 1792.

1792. such metal at the founderies in England is from 7d. to 8d. per pound,  
 Jan. 16th according to information which he has received from Mr. Murray. I  
 presume this to be the case, if we judge from the price which is generally  
 demanded for articles composed of such metal. My own opinion  
 of Mr. Taylor's offer, is, that having been put to considerable expence  
 in coming among us for the purpose of Establishing such a useful factory  
 to the community, he has an Eye to that inconvenience in the price  
 he has offered. A question of policy then arises, whether it would not  
 be better that the commonwealth lose £40 or £50 in the price of the  
 Gun, than that for want of due encouragement, we lose the opportunity  
 of having such a factory established in our country.

I have the honor to be, with very great Respect, Sir,  
 Your most ob. Serv't.

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Jan. 16th JNO. HOPKINS, COMMISSIONER OF LOANS FOR VIRGINIA, TO THE GOV-  
 ERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Sir,  
 United States Loan office  
 On the 18th of October last, I had the honor of communicating to  
 the Executive the amount in State debts, which had been subscribed in  
 this office to the loan of the United States, in pursuance of their act of  
 the 4th of August, 1790; also, requesting the Executive would be pleased  
 to direct the officers of the State to inform me the balance of debt due  
 by the State, which remain unredeemed & in the hands of Individuals.  
 As the final issue of Stock on the aforesaid subscriptions will soon take  
 place, and as the period of payment of Interest on the assumed debt, as  
 well to subscribing as non-subscribing Creditors, is approaching, I beg  
 leave to repeat the application before made, concerning the amount of  
 the remaining debt of the State, in order that I may transmit the  
 information required to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be, with the most perfect respect,  
 Your Excellency's most Ob't & most humble Servant.

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Jan. 19th

SAM'L McCRAW TO JAS. WOOD, ESQ.

Incloses the record of Goochland court in the case of an information  
 vs. Philip Webber for retailing spirituous Liquors contrary to Law,  
 with a request that Mr. Wood would lay the same before the Board.

## J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Jan. 21st  
It appears that lists of the lands purchased in behalf of the Commonwealth for non-payment of the Taxes which remain unredeemed, and which have been returned over two years, must be transmitted to the Sheriffs of the respective counties. All the returns which had then been in the Treasury two years, were in the month of ——— last, agreeably to the directions of the former act sent up to the Hon'ble Board; those that remain and have been here for two years, are sent herewith. From these Returns the lists required may be made out.

I am, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most Obed't, Humble Serv't.

## JNO. HOPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 25th

Richmond  
Transmits a draft for three thousand dollars in part of the commissioner's draft for twenty-eight thousand dollars on account of Federal Buildings, which he requests the Governor to direct the Treasurer to pay.

## J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Jan. 25th

Auditor's office  
Suggests that under the act of Oct'r, 1787, directing the sale of lands purchased by the county commissioners in behalf of the commonwealth, only two things to be advised by the Executive:

1. The most safe & least expensive mode of transmitting the lists to the respective sheriffs.

2d. Precaution in case of the loss or miscarriage of those papers, as they are the only evidence of the right of the commonwealth.

With regard to the first, recommends that the lists be transmitted by the Riders employed to carry out Notices & executions against the public delinquents; that copies of the lists should be made and retained in the council Chamber or filed in the Auditor's office.

He encloses an Abstract amount of the three classes of the funded debt of the State, denominatd military, Loans, and Funded Paper money, as follows:

Military Certificates on Continental establishment,	-	£526,256,	15s,	0d.
Ditto., State establishm't,	-	-	196,678,	18 11
Loan Office,	-	-	102,743,	4 10
Funded money,	-	-	4,282,	3 10
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£829,961, 2s, 7d.				

1792.

GEORGE JACKSON TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Jan. 26th      Informs the Governor of his inability to furnish the Rangers of his district with provisions, as no one will contract at the price fixed. Desires to know if the United States or the Governor will allow more than the established rate, if found necessary to such contract.

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Jan. 28th

OLIVER POLLOCK TO GOVERNOR HARRY LEE.

Phila-  
delphia

Requests an authenticated copy of an Affidavit by Ebenezer Reese, made on the Havana, respecting his outstanding debts, including 957 dollars of his private property, which was seized for the payment of his public debts; which affidavit is filed with his papers in the Auditor's Office. Also desires an authenticated copy of Governor Estephen Miros' letter to the Governor of Virginia, Dated New Orleans, July 27th, 1790, now before (the executive council).

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Jan. 30th

DE TUBEUFF TO THE GOVERNOR.

Excellence,

Clinch river

The interest that you shew for my settlement penetrate of gratitude no nobody like me, receive, Sir, my all thanks. I will give all my application to be worthy of your good will, and this of state.

I have restored to Master David Ward the packet you have sent to me for him. He is ardently officious to acquit himself of your intention. One of my friends go to Richmond in this moment, with my powers to receive the Six hundred pounds that the government has lend to me, which shall prepare them to join me upon Clinch River, whe i am now, and where i make one personal settlement this one month. I will inform your Excellence if she will permit to me concerning the progress of my alls Settlements. Your Excellence will excuse the incorrections of translations of my son, that begin to be my interpreter.

I have the honor to be, Excellence,

Your most obedient Servant.

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Jan. 31st

Bond of Francis Pierre de Tubeuf and others to the Governor and his successors, for the payment of 600 pounds, which had been lent by the State of Virginia for the purpose of settling himself and other French immigrants on the lands of the said de Tubeuff in the County of Russell, which said bond contains the following condition:

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound  
 Francois Pierre de Tubenff, Louisa Duchesne, Charles De Spada, Cesar  
 Lefebvre, Eusebe Delaplanche, and Simon Perebet, their heirs, Executors,  
 & administrators, shall pay or cause to be paid to the said Henry Lee,  
 Esquire, the Governor of the said commonwealth or his successor, the  
 sum of two thousand Spanish milled Dollars, or the value thereof in  
 Gold or Silver coin, as is now received in the Treasury. 1792.  
 Jan. 31st

Now, if the above sum of two Thousand Spanish Milled Dollars or  
 their value, in Gold or Silver coin, together with legal interest from the  
 date hereof, shall be paid unto the said Henry Lee, Esquire, Governor  
 of the said Commonwealth, or his successor, on or before the first day of  
 January, which shall be in the year One thousand seven hundred and  
 ninety-nine, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full  
 power and virtue.

Signed, seal'd, and delivered in presence of—

HENRY DICKINSON, Jr.,  
 NATHAN ELLERSON.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 31st

Making report of Pay and muster Rolls of the Company of Rangers  
 commanded by Captain McGavock, prepared in pursuance of instruction  
 from Governor Beverley Randolph, in accordance with instructions of  
 the Secretary of War of the United States.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Jan. 31st

Informs him that returns of the strength of the militia had been re-  
 ceived from the counties of Albemarle, Bourbon, Louisa, Lunenburg,  
 Meeklenburg, New Kent, Norfolk Borough, Nottoway, Nansemond,  
 Orange, and Southampton and Kentucky, since his last report, and that  
 Col. John Coleman, late County Lieutenant of Halifax, and that John  
 Simmons, late Lieutenant Colonel, have resigned their commissions, and  
 that these vacancies have been filled.

EDWARD TELFAIR, GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIR- Jan. 31st  
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Transmits a copy of a resolution of the General Assembly of the State House  
 State of Georgia, dated the 22d day of December, 1791, "relating to the Augusta  
 doors of the Senate of the United States being kept open whilst sitting  
 in their Legislative capacity."



1792.

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 1st      Relating to the claim of Walter Hopkins, referred to him by the Governor. Informs the Governor "that he has no check by which he can examine this claim," and incloses a letter from Col. Davies, written at Philadelphia, in which the opinion is expressed, that if the papers pertaining to this claim were in the Auditor's office prior to Arnold's invasion, they were destroyed when that event occurred, &c.

Feb. 1st      THOMAS JEFFERSON, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Phila-  
delphia      Sir,  
I have the honor to send you herein enclosed two copies, duly authenticated, of an act for carrying into effect a contract between the United States and the State of Pennsylvania; also of an act to extend the time limited for settling the accounts of the United States with the individual States, and also a printed return of the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, in addition to the one formerly sent you.

And of being, with sentiments of the most perfect respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient and most humble servant.

Feb. 1st

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Auditor's  
office      Encloses a list\* of the debts paid by the state to her foreign creditors, as they are designated by law, distinguishing between the Illinois & others. The Solicitor's office having been discontinued, and its duties imposed on the Auditor for the proper discharge of these duties, the Governor is requested to authorize the employment in the Auditor's office of the two clerks formerly employed in the Solicitor's office.

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H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO GOVERNOR LEE.

War  
Department      Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letters of the 5th and 20th inst, the latter of which accompanied the accounts and vouchers for certain expences incurred and paid by Vir-

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\*The list referred to above not found.

ginia, for the defensive protection of Kentucky in the early part of the year 1791. These accounts are in train of examination, which will be shortly finished, and the result transmitted to you. In the mean time Sir, you may rest assured that the President of the United States will order such measures to be taken thereon, as shall be conformable to the constitution and laws of the United States, and the equity of the case, as far as his powers may be competent to the occasion.

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I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most obed't and very humble Serv't.

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DAVID WARD TO THE GOVERNOR.

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Informs the Governor that pursuant to his instructions he had taken the joint obligation of Mr. de Tubeuf and his five friends, for the payment of 600 pounds, Virginia currency; and had also taken a mortgage on 15,000 acres of land lying in Russell county, being the two most valuable tracts held by those emigrants in Russell county. Russell Co.

He expects in a short time to make a contract with some person to clear a Road from Russell court house to the station of Mr. Tubeuf, but supposes that it will cost not less than £30, the sum voted by the Assembly for that purpose. Will transmit an account of his proceedings by the earliest opportunity.

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J. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 4th

Sir,

Enclosed you will find my commission appointing me to the command of a company of Volunteer militia, ordered to the protection of the frontiers of this State. As it appears to be the wish of a very respectable number of citizens of this & Wythe counties that this company should be commanded by officers of the militia, & as no objections have been raised against me, but rather a desire that I may continue, I would choose to act under the commission I held in the Militia, which is equal in rank to that I had the honor last of receiving from the Executive. This is also enclosed as a voucher that I am entitled to such command in the Militia.

I am desirous still to direct this company, & should your Excellency think I can with propriety act under my former commission, I hope the latter may be invalidated; if not, that both may again be returned to me. Your directions on this head, & commands in every other respect shall readily be observed & obeyed by,

Sir, Your Excellency's Most Obed't & H'ble Serv't.

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A. LEWIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Feb. 6th

Mr. Kent has undertaken to have the ammunition allowed for Preston's & my company, the former Governor who issued the order for the ammunition allowed my company has not ordered any flints. Powder will be of little use to us without fire, and hope your Excellency will take in the order which Mr. Kent has, and give another —. There appears to be some confusion in Capt. Preston's company by the appointment of Robert Crockett, as he is not an inhabitant of Wythe county. The appointments to my company has met with the general approbation of this County, and are compleated with only the want of some arms & money, which difficulty I hope your Excellency will have in your power to remove. In your instructions to me, you mention'd that you were inform'd I had received my commission, which was a mistake. The former Governor s'd he thought I had better act under my commission, held in the Militia, but would rather have one for that particuar service, & will thank you to send me one by Mr. Kent, Dated on the day of my appointment, which was on the 17th day of November last, for if of a later date than Preston's will give him the right of command, if the companies are called together. Perhaps this may be the reason of Capt. Preston's wishing to return his, and act under the Old one, as he thinks he was an older Capt. in the militia. As my appointment was first, will not serve under any militia officer, nor no person but yourself or some person that you may positively order me under, which I know you will not do, without it may be then right. Should be glad to hear what Congress is about to do in regard to an expedition against the Indians next summer. It is the opinion of many that you will command it, which I sincerely wish, and if any appointment comes through you, or I would wish your influence with the President for a Capt's command in the Horse, for myself, a Lieut for a Friend. Should you command, will go with you at all events, without you have me confined.

I am, Sir, with Respect,

Your Excellency's mo. obed't Serv't.

Feb. 7th

A. LEWIS AND J. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Gentlemen,

Montgomery  
County

Mr. Joseph Kent, who was appointed to furnish our companies with rations, will wait on your Honourable body with a hope to have the price thereof increased for a time. He informs us, & we have found it so, that this year in particular, provisions of every kind is dear

and hard to be procured, owing to a scarcity that is general in the western parts. We are assured that if Mr. Kent is compelled to furnish us with rations at the price now fixed, he must loose very considerably, till beef will be fit for use, (& this does not happen sooner than June or July. He is now obliged to purchase flour and pork some considerable distance from where our men will be stationed, & will have to carry it over several large mountains, rendered almost inaccessible for want of Roads. If Government could advance any money to Mr. Kent, we are persuaded it would facilitate the business & put it more in his power to procure the provisions. We fear that unless some further measures are adopted by Government, our men cannot be well supplied, which will render the service extremely disagreeable to us, & perhaps defeat the good purposes it was intended for.

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We are, Gentlemen, with the utmost regard,  
Your Honors most obdt. H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

A. LEWIS AND J. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Feb. 7th

Sir,

Agreeable to our instructions, we have proceeded to engage volunteer militia for the defence of Montgomery, Wythe, & Russell counties, & have nearly completed our quotas with active young men, altho' we laboured under more difficulties than we at first were apprized of. The late defeat, the hardships, & the ill usage the soldiers at their discharge received from the public, together with an unfriendly report that was propagated, that these men were destined for the same service; and also the want of arms among the young men, rendered it more difficult to compleat these companies. The first is now by a general disbelief removed. The latter still remains, which we hope is in the power of Government to remove by furnishing us with some arms for the term of our service, on our securing to the public the safe return of them, unless they may be lost in action or by some other unavoidable accident. Should your Excellency think proper to furnish us with these arms, we would prefer rifles, and fifty stand would answer our exigency. These kind of guns are made better by a little use, & we presume a number are now lying in the puble magazines injured for want of this use—Tho' if Rifles cannot be had, muskets must answer our purpose. A few camp-kettles will be wanting among the soldiers; if we could get two dozen, we will also return them upon the same terms & at the same time the arms are returned, which will be at the expiration of the service.

Montgomery  
County

We beg leave to remind your Excellency that under the faith of a promise made us, we have engaged to pay our companies one month's

1792. pay before they march; this we conceived was necessary, as the season  
Feb. 7th at which they are called upon to begin their service will be cold, and  
they must have blankets, leggons, &c., which many could not procure  
unless they were furnished with the money, & numbers do now actually  
rely on this money to answer that particular purpose. We therefore  
hope your Excellency, convinced of this necessity, will order one month's  
pay to be advanced to us & the money paid to Joseph Kent, Esq., who  
will take charge of it, & also the arms and kettles (if allowed). The  
enclosed statement will be the sum we shall need, which is one thousand  
one hundred & fifty dollars agreeable thereto.

We have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most ob't, H'ble Serv't.

The statement above referred to, is as follows for one month's pay: 2  
Captains, 60 dollars; 2 Lientenants, 44 do.; 2 Ensigns, 36 do.; 8 Ser-  
geants, 60 do.; 8 Corporals, 52 do.; 4 musicians, 22 do.; 6 scouts, 150 do.;  
132 privates, 726 do.—Total, \$1,150 (dollars).

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J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Auditor's  
office

Relating to the case of Mr. Bowyer, (Sheriff), referred to the Auditor  
for the facts of the case and his opinion thereon. The auditor expresses  
an opinion unfavourable to the application of Mr. Bowyer.

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JOHN STUART TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Greenbrier  
County

The company to be raised and commanded by Captain Caperton, for  
the defence of Greenbrier and Kenawha, to be mustered at Point Pleas-  
ant. Capt. Caperton thinks there is a mistake in the copy of the order  
of Council, & thinks the rendezvous was to hold at Lewisburgh, in this  
county (Greenbrier). Recommends as the best arrangement, to station  
twenty-six men under the command of Lieutenant Cooper, at Point  
Pleasant; twenty men at the mouth of Elk River, under the command  
of ensign Young, and the remainder of Capt. Caperton's company under  
his own direction in the neighborhood where he lives, as it is the most  
exposed corner of this county. Apprehends this to be the best arrange-  
ment that can be made for the security of the frontier; in case of emer-  
gency they may be aided with such militia as will be necessary for repel-  
ling the enemy. The men proposed for the command of Lieut. Cooper  
and Young, to be raised on Kenawha and mustered at the mouth of  
the Elk; those with Captain Caperton at Lewisburgh, to which he (Mr.

Stuart) will most willingly attend, unless his Excellency should chuse to direct that those on Kenawha should be mustered by the commanding officer of said county. The mode you are pleased to adopt is certainly the most eligible for the safety of the people by keeping some men constantly embodied, and the arrangements I have mentioned, I hope will give satisfaction to his excellency as well as the inhabitants of Kenawha and this county.

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Captain Caperton wishes him to mention the necessity of two more scouts, that is, two more at point pleasant, two at the mouth of the Elk, and two for this county (Greenbrier), and in the opinion of this necessity he concurs from the distance between the stations to be occupied.

I have the Honor to be,  
Your Excellency's Most obedient Humble Servt.

P. S.—His Excellency's request for a statement of the publick expences of Greenbrier county for the last year received. That no such expense has accrued for many years past, nor has there been any regulation of the militia since the war, the expectation being that Congress would act on the subject.

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JNO. ROGERS TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

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Sir,

I this day was favoured with the receipt of yours of the 27th of Caroline Co. Jan'y, requesting an explanation upon two points in my letter—first, whether I meant a division of the Creek nation into the upper and Lower Creeks, & then meant that the Choctaws was equal to one of those divisions. I did not intend to be understood as dividing the Creek nation, as I understand my informers with respect to the equal strength of the two nations; that the Choctaws were equal to the whole strength of the Creeks, as their expressions were that the Choctaws were a full match for the Creeks singly; but united with the Chickasaws, greatly an over match for them. The persons who gave me this information had long resided in each of the above two nations in the character of traders; consequently ought to be well acquainted. The above information I may say, as you have done, contradicted my former Opinions & information, which I mentioned to my informers who ashored me that I might rely upon what they had said.

There are some reasons which induce me to beleave it to be true, which was the pains the Creeks were at to prevent a war with the Choctaws last summer, and a willingness the latter nation discovered to enter into a war, provided they had been supplied with ammunition. The cause of the dispute was in consequence of some Creeks crossing

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the Tombigby River (the line between the two nations), to the house of one Carney, a choctaw Trader, where they plundered his goods, burnt his house, & drove off his stock; all of which the Creeks have promised the Choctaws to make restitution for, laying the mischief done upon some bad young men; and promise in future to give up or kill all such Creeks as should be guilty of any depredations upon the Choctaws or their Traders; at the same time the Creeks sent other talks to the Chickasaws, requesting that if the Choctaws would not be satisfied and that a war must take place, that they, the Chickasaws, would set still & Smoake; but hoped they would rise their influence with the Choctaws to prevent a war, which show that the Creeks at least dread a war with the Choctaws. At the close of their last war, which was about 13 years ago, peace being brought about by the activity of the British agents, in order to have the force of the Creeks to act against the Americans, the Choctaws greatly outnumbered the Creeks in scalps, notwithstanding the Choctaws laboured under a disadvantage which lost them many men, which was the want of the art of swimming, which they had not learnt—as there are no Rivers in that part of the country in which they live; whilst that of the Creeks is intersected in every part with large waters, & divided from the Choctaws by the Tombigby, over which the latter nation was obliged to pass; in which so much time was taken up, that they were frequently overtaken on their retreat by superior numbers of Creeks, and cut to pieces upon the banks of the large Rivers, or forced in & drowned. The Choctaws were impressed with the disadvantage they had experienced, and after the peace was concluded, held a great Council in which it was recommended that the nation should all be learnt to swim; accordingly the whole nation encamped during the summer months upon the large waters where the men, women, and children were taught the art of swimming; they are now said to be equal to any nation in that art, and in case of a future war with the Creeks, will not experience the disadvantage they did in the last.

You ask me whether I ment that the Cherokees are 800 or 8,000 warriors strong; if my letter reads that the Cherokees are either of the above number of warriors strong, it is an error, and was intended to have read that the Chickasaws were eight hundred strong. I did not intend to have mentioned the probable strength of the Cherokees in my letter of last month, as I rather doubted my information with respect to their numbers, but the best information I could get, make them, including what we call the Chickamangas, to be about 1,500 warriors. Inclosed I send you a list of the tribes that compose the Creek nation, or rather Confederacy, whose policy is perhaps the best of any Indians we know. Every Town has a publick building, in which, all the councillors and warriors of the Town with such as are deputies from other Towns assemble once a week and regale themselves upon what is called black drink, a sort of Tea; where they talk over all the affares of the

Confederacy; communicate all the news they have heard, and so keep up a weakly correspondence with all the Towns of the Nation. The Tribes of which you have the list, speake and preserve their Original tongues, which is not the same in any two of the tribes, but the whole of them speake the Muskoga Tongue as the common tongue of the nation, otherwise, there would be a necessity for interpreters from one tribe to the other. No women are under pain of Death to be in hearing when assembled in their weakly meetings. I met with but one person who sweled the number of the Creek Warriors to more than six Thousand, and he made them to excede fifteen; he was a man of information, but was married among them. I got much of my knowledge of their customs which serve instead of Laws from him.

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I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's Most Obed't Serv't.

The following is the list of tribes refered to above, composing the Creek Nation or Confederacy: Muskagas, Natchez, Ochays, Wilumkeys, Alabahmas, Savannahs, Consawders, Eucheys, Hichetys, Seminoles, One town of Chickasaws.

## JNO. HOPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Feb. 8th

Sir,

I beg leave to represent to your Excellency that the Auditor informs me he cannot settle the account of Mr. Walter Hopkins, by reason of a restriction under which he is laid, in respect to a supposed payment which may have been made to him, and which he cannot ascertain, as the books and papers are with the Commissioners for settling the accounts between the State & the United States. As I am well Assured no payment whatever has ever been made to Mr. Hopkins, in consequence of this claim, and as his present necessities are so pressing, I have first to propose that I will be responsible in any way which may be deemed proper for the reimbursement of the whole, or any part which may possibly have been paid; and secondly that your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Treasurer to pay the warrant, which may be issued by the Auditor.

Richmond

Without such a provision as the one now mentioned, the benefit intended will be partial only, and a sacrifice of a considerable part of the claim must of necessity result to satisfy an impending execution.

I have the honor to be,

With the most perfect respect and Esteem, Sir,

Your most obedient &amp; most Humble Servant.



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DAVIS AUGUSTINE TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Sir,

Feb. 8th In obedience to your Excellency's instructions of the 6th instant,  
 Richmond received yesterday, I have the Honor to enclose to your Excellency, a  
 List of the Counties that have been furnished with the Laws of the last  
 Session, and the number sent to each County; enclosing also the acts of  
 Congress of the 3rd Session, directed by the last Assembly to be printed  
 for the use of the several Counties and corporations in this State. I  
 shall do myself the pleasure of making a like report weekly, till the  
 whole of the Counties are supplied.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Y'r Excellency's Most ob't Serv't.

Feb. 14th

J. AMBLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Treasury I beg leave to inform your Excellency that there are in the Treas-  
 ury, notes for about 200 hds. of crops, and about 25,000 lbs nett Trans-  
 fer Tobacco, which have been received on account of Taxes. The  
 Hon'ble Board will be pleased to signify their pleasure, when, and in  
 what manner these Tobaccos shall be disposed of.

I am, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't.

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J. DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Phila-  
delphia

Mr. R. H. Lee, the Senator from our state, has this moment done  
 me the honor to call on me. From him I learn that the resolutions  
 pass'd by the general assembly of Virginia, at their late session respect-  
 ing the opening the doors of the house of which he is a member, & the  
 delivery of the western posts held by the — have not been forwarded,  
 and that the first intimation he had of them was on this morning, when  
 he saw them in a public paper of this city.

Your Excellency will at once see the propriety of transmitting them.

I have the honor to be,

Y'r mo. ob't, Hum. Serv't.

RICHARD HENRY LEE AND JAS. MONROE TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE. 1792.

Sir,

We have been duly honored with your Excellency's dispatches covering resolves of the Legislature respecting certain military claims of Land, and others for services and supplies not yet compensated. The former we have, in the first instance, committed to the care of our Countrymen in the House of representatives, where this subject is to come under consideration. The latter we have referred to Colo. Davies, whose most accurate knowledge of these things will enable us to pursue such ulterior measures as may be most proper.

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delphia

We have lately seen published in a Gazette of this city, two resolves of our Assembly—one charging us to renew our endeavors for opening the doors of the Federal Senate, and the other concerning a certain article in the Treaty of Peace with G. Britain. As we have yet seen them nowhere but in the newspaper, we must remain quiescent until we are honored with information on these points from our Executive.

We have the honor to be, with great respect and esteem,

Your Excellency's most obedient servants.

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SAM'L VANCE, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF BATH COUNTY, TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE. Feb. 15th

Sir,

May it please your Excellency, At a meeting of the Field officers of Bath County this Connty on the 14th Inst., Convened for the purpose of consulting on the most proper method of defence against the Hostile Indians. It was unanimously determined to Lay our situation before your Excellency. I therefore beg leave to observe that the Frontiers of this County, Sir, are as much exposed to the Savages of the Indians as any of those that have had Companys granted them during the last session of Assembly, & hopes if in your Excellency's power, you will grant us a Lieutenant and 25 men, which may be sufficient to guard our frontiers this spring, for without this aid, the dread consequences on the breaking up of the winter, which is the season of the year the indians Generally Commit depredations on the defenceless Inhabitants. We suppose the reason of our being neglected was that we ware not represented Last Session, our County not taking place in Time for us to elect members. We assure you that this application would not have been made, had there not been sufficient Reason to apprehend danger, for the frontier we mention lies as much exposed now, as it was twenty years agone, particularly the head of Greenbrier and the small settlements near and

1792. below the Clover Lick. The back of these places there is a large tract  
Feb. 15th of very mountainous Country entirely uninhabited, through which the  
Indians frequently come in and commit depredations. Some of the  
inhabitants has informed me that unless there be some support granted  
them, that they must actually Remove their families in the spring to  
some place of greater security.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's Mo. ob't Servt.

Feb. 17th Bond of Joseph Kent, and Lenox & Davidson in the penalty of ten  
thousand pounds, Dated Feb'y 17th, 1792.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Joseph Kent of the County  
of Wythe, & Lenox & Davidson, Merchants & Partners, of the City of  
Richmond, are held and firmly bound to Henry Lee, Esq., Governor of  
the State of Virginia and his successors, in the Just and full sum of two  
thousand pounds, to be paid to the said Governor or his successors. To  
which payment Well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, Jointly  
and severally, our Joint and Several Heirs, executors or administrators,  
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this seven-  
teenth day of February, 1792.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the said  
Joseph Kent hath this day Covenanted and agreed with the Governor  
of Virginia, that the said Kent will regularly furnish the two Com-  
panies of Volunteer Militia, under the Command of Capt's Lewis and  
Preston, now raising for the defence of the Southwestern Frontier of  
this State with Rations, from the sixth day of March next, til they shall  
be regularly discharged; each ration to consist of one pound of beef or  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs of pork; one lb of bread, flour, or Indian Meal;  $\frac{1}{2}$  Gill of Rum,  
brandy, or Whiskey, and one quart of salt for every hundred Rations.

The said Kent to receive from the public Treasury the sum of six  
pence, half penny for each ration supplied by the said Kent before the  
first of August next, and eight Cents for each ration furnished after  
that time. Now if the said Kent shall regularly supply the said Troops  
with Rations as above stipulated, and for the term aforesaid, then the  
above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Feb. 17th Warrants, List of, issued from the Auditor's office, (except Interest  
on Certificates), from 2 Jan., to 15th Feb., 1792:

Officers of Government:

2d Jan., '92. Judge Winston, - - - £75, 0s, 0d.

2d Jan., '92	Lawrence & Dabney,	-	-	2, 8 6	1792. Feb. 17th
	H. Beverley, Esq.,	-	-	62, 10 0	
	J. H. Briggs, -	-	-	62, 10 0	
	Judge Parker,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Miles Selden, Esq.,	-	-	62, 10 0	
	Robert Goode,	-	-	62, 10 0	
	Judge Fleming,	-	-	40, 0 0	
	Arch'd Blair, -	-	-	37, 10 0	
	Councillor Steele,	-	-	62, 10 0	
	James Wood, Esq.,	-	-	62, 10 0	
	James McClurg, Esq.,	-	-	62, 10 0	
3rd.	Judge Pendleton,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Judge Lyons, -	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Judge Carrington,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Jno. Dawson, Esq.,	-	-	62, 10 0	
	Samuel Coleman,	-	-	50, 0 0	
	Judge Mercer,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Governor Lee,	-	-	66, 13 4	
	Judge Henry,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Judge Fleming,	-	-	10, 0 0	
	Basil Wood, -	-	-	25, 0 0	
	Hans. Hetman,	-	-	37, 10 0	
	John Carter, -	-	-	25, 0 0	
	John Street, -	-	-	25, 0 0	
	Samuel Shepard,	-	-	25, 0 0	
	Judge Jones, -	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Judge Nelson,	-	-	75, 0 0	
3rd Jan., '92.	Judge Prentis,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Thos. Brend, -	-	-	20, 15 9	
	Philip Clayton,	-	-	37, 10 0	
	Beverley Randolph, (late Governor),	-	-	133, 6 8	
	Edm'd Pendleton,	-	-	116, 1 4	
	Wm. Rose, -	-	-	6, 5 0	
	John Stewart,	-	-	10, 0 0	
	James Innes, Esq.,	-	-	50, 0 0	
	Jac. Ambler, -	-	-	125, 0 0	
	Mathew Page,	-	-	10 0	
4th.	Judge Tucker,	-	-	75, 0 0	
	Elish. Curling,	-	-	6, 0 0	
	James Daugherty,	-	-	12 0	
	Thos. Laidley,	-	-	2, 8 0	
	Judge Tyler, -	-	-	75, 0 0	
6th.	Aug. Davis, -	-	-	162, 10 0	
	Math. Pate, -	-	-	6, 4 7	
	Math. Cheatham,	-	-	3, 10 0	

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Feb. 17th			Edm'd B. Lacy,	-	-	-	35, 8	4
	14th.		Robert Brooke,	-	-	-	15, 0	0
			Chancellor Wythe,	-	-	-	75, 0	0
	16th.		John Brown,	-	-	-	75, 0	0
	19th.		Anth. Singleton,	-	-	-	52, 6	0
			Ditto,	-	-	-	50, 0	0
	21st.		Judge Roane,	-	-	-	75, 0	0
			Ditto.,	-	-	-	25, 0	0
	6th Feb.,		John Street,	-	-	-	5, 11	14

## Directors of Public Buildings:

2d Jan.,	'92.	Wm. Hay,	-	-	-	100, 0	0
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## Marine Hospital:

10th Jan.	'92.	The Commissioners,	-	-	-	41, 9	4
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## Public Warehouses:

2nd Jan,	'92.	Wm. Smith,	-	-	-	134, 0	0
5th.		Reuben George,	-	-	-	101, 11	7
7th.		Moses Austin & Co.,	-	-	-	26, 9	6
17th.		David Patteson,	-	-	-	3, 5	6
		Graves & Smith,	-	-	-	7, 19	3

## Contingent:

4th Jan.,	'92.	Thomas Lairdley,	-	-	-	2, 0	0
6th.		John Carter,	-	-	-	30, 0	0
10th.		Jane West,	-	-	-	3, 0	0
23rd.		Aug. Davis,	-	-	-	94, 10	0
25th.		Wm. Rose,	-	-	-	19	9
26 Jan.	'92.	Samuel Coleman,	-	-	-	3, 15	0
2d Feb'y,		James Anderson,	-	-	-	5, 15	6
5		Wm. Geddy,	-	-	-	55, 10	8

## Arsenal:

12 Feb'y,	'92.	Major Langham,	-	-	-	156, 8	4
		Ditto.,	-	-	-	99, 2	1

## Surplus:

19 Jan'y,	'92.	James Govan & others,	-	-	-	2, 2	0
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## Crim. charges:

20th Jan'y,	'92.	John Hudging & Js. Gibson,	-	-	-	3, 6	0
31		Wm. Adkins,	-	-	-	1, 12	3

15 Feb'y,	'92.	Edm'd & Leonard Clarke,	-	-	2, 13	0	1792.
		Phil. & Geo. Ambrister,	-	-	3, 6	6	Feb. 17th
4th Jan.,		John Grammer,	-	-	17, 5	0	
5		Cave Johnson,	-	-	3, 15	0	

Scouts & Rangers:

2d Feb'y,	'92.	Ensign McGavock & Co.,	-	-	66, 1	0
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J. PENDLETON.

Aug. 17th, 1792.

Compared & found to agree with the vouchers in the office of the auditor.

J. H. BRIGGS.

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J. DAWSON TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Feb. 19th

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose to you Dunlap's paper of Friday last, in which you'll observe the proceedings of this State, relative to the demand for the delivery of Brady, McGuire, &c. Philadelphia

Gov'r Mifflin's letter to you has no doubt been transmitted, & the other communications contained in the paper will throw some light on the subject & enable the board to remove that stigma, which the publications must be intended to throw on our proceedings and our State.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most ob't Hum. Serv't,

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Bond of William Sid Crawford, as clerk of the County Court of Amherst County, in the penalty of One thousand pounds, dated 20th of February, 1792, with the following conditions. Feb. 20th

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the above bound Wm. Sid Crawford, is by the Court of Amherst County appointed their clerk. Therefore the said Wm. Sid Crawford shall in all things, duly and faithfully perform the duties of his said office, and not remove or carry, or suffer to be carried or removed out of the said County, the Records & papers of the said Court or any part thereof, except in cases allowed by Law; then the above obligation to be void & of no effect, otherwise to remain in force & virtue.

1792. FRANCIS CORBIN CHOSEN AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Feb. 20th We, Charles Hopkins, Sheriff of Gloucester, George Guthrie, Deputy of Matthews, William Segard, Deputy of Middlesex, John Wedderburn, Deputy of King & Queen, William Saunders, Deputy of Caroline, Ro. Hill, Deputy of King Wm., do hereby certify & make known that at an Election held on the 14th of February, at the Courthouse of our respective Counties, pursuant to law, the Electors qualified to vote for members to the House of Delegates, caused to be chosen one person, to-wit; Francis Corbin to represent the said District as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Given under our hands & seals, this 20th day of February, One thousand seven hundred and Ninety-two.

Feb. 20th BURWELL BASSETT CHOSEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

New Kent Court House We, Joseph Foster, Sheriff of New Kent County, Samuel Mosby, Deputy Sheriff for Daniel S. Hylton of Henrico County, William Brown, deputy Sheriff for William Lee of James City County, being part of the entire District composed of the Counties of Elizabeth City, Warwick, York, Charles City, Chesterfield & Hanover, entitled by Law to elect a member to the House of representatives of the United States, no other Sheriff of the said District having met agreeable to Law, & this being the last day allowed for making out a return, do hereby certify and make known that at an Election held on Tuesday, the 14th day of February, at the Courthouse of our respective Counties, pursuant to Law, the Electors qualified to vote for members to the House of Delegates, caused to be chosen one person, to-wit: Burwell Bassett, Jun'r, to represent the same District as a member to the House of representatives of the United States.

Given under our hands & seals at New Kent Court House, the 20th day of February, One thousand seven hundred & Ninety-two.

Feb. 21st CHRISTOPHER CLARK, CHOSEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Campbell Court House We, William Perkins, high Sheriff of Buckingham County, John Clark, Jr., deputy Sheriff under Adam Clement, Sheriff of Campbell County, Stookley Turner, deputy Sheriff under William Terry, Sheriff

of Halifax County, and William Leftwich, deputy Sheriff under Henry Buford, Sheriff of Bedford County, (being the only Sheriffs collected on this occasion), entitled by law to elect a member to the House of Representatives of the United States, do hereby certify and make known, that at an Election held on the fourteenth day of February, in the year One thousand, seven hundred and ninety-two, at the Court House of our respective counties pursuant to Law; the Electors qualified to vote for members to the House of Delegates, Caused to be chosen One person, to-wit: Christopher Clark to represent the said District as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-first day of February, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety-two.

1792.

Feb. 21st

JOHN BRACKINRIDGE, CHOSEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. Feb. 21st

We, Nathaniel Garland, Deputy Sheriff of the county of Albemarle, Pleasant Martin, Deputy Sheriff of the County of Amherst, Chapman White, Deputy Sheriff of the County of Fluvanna, ———, Sheriff of the County of Goochland, Thomas Merriwether, Deputy Sheriff of the County of Louisa, ———, Sheriff of the County of Spotsylvania, James Barbour, Deputy Sheriff of the County of Orange, & ——— Sheriff of the County of Culpeper; composing one entire District, Intitled by law to elect a member to the House of Representatives of the United States, do hereby certify & make known, that at an Election held on the second Tuesday of this Instant, at the Court House of our respective counties pursuant to law, the Electors qualified to vote for members to the House of Delegates, caused to be chosen one person, viz: John Brackenridge, Esq., to represent the said District as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Given under our hands & seals, this — day of February, One thousand, seven hundred & Ninety-two.

A. J. DALLAS, SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE. Feb. 21st

Sir,

The inclosed Return of the Sheriff on the process issued against the persons who are charged with the murder of the Indians on Beaver Creek, and a Deposition respecting the residence of those who are charged with forcibly carrying off a free Negro from this State, ought

Philadelphia



1792. to have accompanied the Governor's letter of the 9th instant to your  
Feb. 21st Excellency, but by some mistake, which I request you will be so good  
as to excuse, they were omitted.

I have the honor to be, with perfect respect, Sir,  
Your Most obed. H<sup>l</sup>ble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Enclosed in the above letter are the papers referred to.

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Feb. 23d FRANCIS PRESTON CHOSEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, Mathias Wilson, Sheriff of Botetourt County, Philip Gaines, deputy Sheriff of Wythe, Richard Price, deputy Sheriff of Russell County, and Samuel Patton, deputy Sheriff of Montgomery County, which Counties constitute a part of the District, (the other Sheriffs not attending,) entitled by Law to elect a member to the house of representatives of the United States, do hereby certify and make known that at an Election held on the fourteenth day of this Instant, at the Court House of our respective counties, pursuant to Law, the Electors qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates, caused to be chosen one person, to-wit: Francis Preston, to represent the said District as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Given under our hands & seals this twenty-third day of February, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

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Feb. 23d DANIEL CALL, CHOSEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE UNITED STATES.

We, Theophilus Harrison, Deputy of Christopher Haskins, Sheriff of Brunswick County, Joseph Starling, deputy for William Starling, Sheriff of Mecklenburg County, Peter Moseley, Deputy for William Moseley, Sheriff of Powhatan County, composing one entire District entitled by law to elect a member to the House of Representatives of the United States, do hereby certify and make known that at an Election held on the fourteenth day of February, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety-two, at the Court house of our respective Counties, pursuant to Law, the Electors qualified to vote for members to the House of Delegates, caused to be chosen one person, to-wit: Daniel Call, to represent the said District as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Given under our hands & seals, this 23d day of February, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety-two.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO ARCHIBALD BLAIR, ESQ.

1792.

Amount of specie in the Treasury, Six thousand, five hundred & seventy pounds. Feb. 25th  
£6,570.

JOHN HARVIE, DAVID ROSS, AND W. FOUSHEE TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Feb. 25th

Sir,

Some time ago we received by order of the Executive, a loan of Richmond  
Twelve barrels of Gun-powder for the use of the James River Company, to be replaced by us with new powder; this quantity is now exhausted, & we have immediate occasion for a further supply, and will be glad to receive another quantity on loan, to be replaced with first powder which we shall import from Philadelphia immediately. We have been informed the Publick frequently sell off the Old powder, & it has been suggested that it may probably be more agreeable to the Executive to sell the quantity we want than to exchange it; if so, we are willing to purchase as well what we have already received as the quantity we now want.

We are, with great regard,

Your very humble Servants.

JAS. BLAIR TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Feb. 26th

Sir,

I find that the people who live between the lines, run by Walker Smithfield  
and Henderson, are much pleased with the Act of the last Assembly, establishing Doctor Walker's line as the Southern boundary of this State. As it is a considerable addition to the strength and wealth of this State, many citizens in this back Country earnestly wish that some official orders were sent from the Executive, authorizing our public officers to act under the influence of that Law. You will therefore pardon me, Sir, if I take the liberty of reminding your Excellency of the necessity of receiving some public directions on this subject from the Executive.

The Bearer, Mr. Robert Preston, will be enabled to give your Excellency particular information respecting that Country.

I have the honor to be, with respect &amp; esteem,

Your Excellency's mo. ob't, Hbl. Serv't.

1792.

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Feb. 27th  
Auditor's  
office

I send up the enclosed lists to the hon'ble the Executive, in pursuance of the 9th, 10th, & 11th Sect's of the XI. chap. of the Acts of Octo. Sess. '87. The return made by the Sheriff of Spotsylvania on an Ex'on issued for the balance of taxes due for the year 1788, appears to me to be within the meaning of the 11th Sect.

I have the honor, Sir, to be,

Y'r most ob. Serv't.

The list above referred to embraces executions which have been returned "Property not sold for want of buyers," by the Sheriffs of Culpeper, Southampton, Prince Edward, Hardy, Shanandoah, Albermarle, Cumberland, Brunswick, Bedford, Stafford, Westmoreland, and the Auditor's letter is accompanied by a statement of the account between the commonwealth and Thomas Towles, sheriff of Spotsylvania County.

Feb. 27th

McCOLL AND CUNLIFFE TO MR. COLEMAN.

Please pay the bearer, Mr. Lovell, three pounds fifteen shillings for 100 Bushels of Coal at 9d. pr. accord'g to agreement,

&amp; oblige, Sir,

Your mo. ob't Serv't.

Feb. 27th

JAMES INNES TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Sir,

Richmond

I have given due consideration to the bond and mortgage prepared by Mr. Ward for the security of the public loan made to the French Emigrants in the County of Russell. They appear to me to be properly drawn, and in every essential respect, fully competent to the object they were intended to attain.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Y'r most ob't Serv't.

JAMES BRECKENRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

You will herewith receive the Pet'n of Captain James Thompson, Feb. 28th  
 praying that a negroe fellow, which has been felonously taken from him Botetourt  
 by a resident of the New Territory, may be restored to him again. As  
 he is a particular f'd of mine, and as I am well satisfied of the Justness  
 of his demand, I wish that all possible means may be taken, in order to  
 assist him in the recovery of his property; your assistance in the busi-  
 ness will, Sir, not only place him under obligations to you, but intitle  
 you to the unfeigned thanks of

Your Ex'y's most ob't & very H'mble Serv't.

JAMES THOMPSON TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Privy Council:

The petition of James Thompson of Washington County, humbly  
 sheweth that on the 26th day of December, 1791, a certain Valentine  
 Vanhozer feloniously stole from your petitioner a negro man named  
 Lewis, and immediately fled from Justice to the Territory south of the  
 Ohio, where he remains in possession of the said slave, and refuses to  
 give him up. Your petitioner knowing the legal process of this State  
 will not take hold on the delinquent in the Territory, views his case as  
 remidiless, unless the Executive of this State will demand the s'd Van-  
 hozer of the Governor of the Territory, by virtue of the 2nd section of  
 the 4th article of the Constitution, which declares that a person charged  
 in any State with treason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from  
 Justice and be found in another State, shall demand of the Executive  
 authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed  
 to the State having Jurisdiction of the crime, or such other method as  
 your Wisdom shall dictate.

JAMES INNIS TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Feb. 28th

Sir,

The enclosed information furnished by the late Register, Mr. Har- Richmond  
 vie, is adequate I conceive to quiet any doubt which may have been  
 entertained respecting the validity of the Title to the Lands sold by Mr.  
 Smith to Mr. Tibeauf, and which are mortgaged to secure the payment  
 of the public Loan.

I have the honor to be, with great Esteem & respect,  
 Y'r most ob't Serv't.

1792. I do certify that I saw in the possession of Mons. Tibeauf, the original  
 Feb. 28th grant for a quantity of Land containing, as near as I can Recollect, 55,000 acres lying the county of Russell, granted by the Commonwealth to Richard Smith, with an assignment on the back of each of the grants transferring Smith's rights to the said Mr. Tibeauf.

Given under my hand, this 28th day of February, 1792.

JOHN HARVIE.

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Feb. 29th COLONEL BENJ. WILSON TO GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE  
 UNITED STATES.

Sir,

Harrison  
 County

Yesterday a general Council of the militia officers of this County was held in order to take into view the state of our frontiers most exposed to the incursions of the hostile indians. The protection granted by your State government and what additional protection might be necessary in order to secure the inhabitants from the impendent danger of the Savages who consequently is much elate with their late success over the Federal Army.

"By the Council unanimously ordered, That the presiding officer of this Council make immediate application to the President of the United States for an additional number of Eight Scouts, and as many of the militia to be called into actual service as will, in addition to those already directed to be raised by our state Government, complete one Captain's company; and the same is ordered accordingly."

Teste:

JOHN HAYMOND, C<sup>t</sup>k.

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Sir,

It would be intruding on you for me to call to your attention the disposition of the indians when fired with conquest or their dastardly way of war; particularly their laying in wait about houses to take the advantage of helpless and defenceless women and children; their ambuscading roads; Robberies, &c.

It may suffice only to mention the situation of the exposed frontier and the present fears of the people. Ohio County covers a part of Monongalia County, and Harrison a part of Randolph County, and in my observations since the year 1774, Ohio and Harrison has stood on a similar footing in point of danger. The lamentable catastrophe that befel the Federal Army last fall, has with fear so impressed the minds of the

exposed people, that it is pitiable to hear their complaints, and sure I am, many of them would move from the exterior settlements, was not their consolation a full confidence in your granting extensive temporary relief, as well as to pursue the reduction of the indians upon a more extensive scale than been heretofore done. I wish not to trespass on your time or patience, but conceive it my duty to mention my adjoining counties, viz: That Randolph may be favour with an addition of four scouts, and Monongalia four. Ohio, I learn is by your Excellency provided for with an additional number of those allowed by this State.

1792.  
Feb. 29th

Sir, I am,

Your humble & devoted Servant.

Sir,

If you condesend to answer the above, the way by Winchester is the swiftest and surest conveyance.

B. W.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON, SECRETARY OF STATE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 1st

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herein enclosed, two copies duly authenticated, of an act concerning certain fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the fishermen employed therein; also of an act to establish the Post office and Post roads within the United States; also the ratifications by three-fourths of the Legislatures of the several states, of certain articles in addition to & amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress to the said Legislatures.

Philadelphia

And of being, with sentiments of the most perfect respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient & most humble Servant.

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J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO JAS. LEWIS.

March 1st

Sir,

You will be pleased to take notice that instructions will be given the Attorney-General to move for Judgement against you on the fifth day of the next Session of the General Court, being Thursday, the fourteenth day of June, for the amount of your fine and damages accruing to the Commonwealth in consequence of your failing to return the Fieri Facias issued from the General Court clerk's office, against William

Richmond  
Auditor's  
office

1792. Mills, late Sheriff of Spotsylvania County, for the Revenue Tax of the  
 March 1st year 1789, which appears by your receipt to have been Delivered you on  
 the twenty-third day of August, 1791.

I am, Sir,  
 Your h'ble Serv't.

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March 3d Extract of a letter from the Secretary of War, to Lieut.-Colo. Com-  
 mandant Wilkinson:

War "It has been concluded that General St. Clair arranged with General  
 Department Scott, an adequate provision for the defensive protection of Kentucky.  
 If there should have been any omission or mistake upon the subject, I  
 hereby authorize you in the name of the President of the United States,  
 to supply or rectify the same.

"This defensive protection must be confided to you, or General Scott,  
 or the County Lieutenants as you may Judge proper; a few scouts at  
 5-6th of a dollar p. day to each county ought to constitute the main  
 point of this protection, aided by such a number of rangers on the pay  
 and rations of the troops of the United States, as shall be Judged indis-  
 pensible by you. Both Scouts and rangers to be mustered before their  
 service, and after they have finished it, The scouts to be sworn to the  
 faithful performance of their duty and to their pay-rolls, and each to  
 empower the County Lieutenants or some other persons, as they shall  
 think fit to receive the amount; That the accounts must be certified by  
 the County Lieutenants, and the officers commanding the rangers must  
 be sworn to the truth of their musters, and which must also be certified  
 by the County Lieutenants."

It is to be understood that each individual must sign a power of attor-  
 ney to the person whom they constitute to receive their money.

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March 4th

#### RECEIPT FOR POWDER AND LEAD.

Rec'd of Da'l Boone, sixty pounds of powder and 2 Piggs of Ladd,  
 Seposed to be 3,010 pounds, which I promise to Delever in good order  
 to Col. George Stump, on the south Branch, for the use of Col. Bogard's  
 Millatua.

JOHN BING,  
 GEORGE FITZWATER.

WM. BLOUNT, GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1792.  
SOUTH OF THE OHIO, TO GOVERNOR LEE.

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 14th December, by March 6th  
Captain Demumbrinn, and shall with pleasure embrace every oppor- Territory of  
tunity of giving you the information therein mentioned, and aid to your the United  
Troops stationed on your Frontiers, should it be necessary, as well as States, south  
every other of testifying to you my regard for the State over which you of the Ohio  
have the honor to preside.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully and with great esteem,

Your obedient Servant.

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WILL. STEPTOE TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

March 6th

My Dear Sir,

You will see by the inclosed letter that I had lodged a  
formal complaint against the County Lieut. of Middlesex for malfeasance  
in office, which complaint I supported by the oaths of two respectable  
Deputy Sheriffs, who had paid to the County Lieut. at different times,  
more than Twenty pounds. I hoped that agreeably to Mr. Randolph's  
letter after he was furnished with the specific charges, an enquiry into  
the validity of them would have been instituted, But instead of that,  
I only received a verbal message from him, which neither the bearer or  
myself were able to comprehend.

Huwick

I am willing to suppose that Mr. Randolph had good reasons for his  
conduct, but I own I should have been better satisfied had he con-  
descended to say what they were. I address myself to you, Sir, with a  
confidence that you will enquire into the return made by Col. Bird, and  
if it be what the extract from the report induces me to suppose it, that  
you will proceed in it as soon as is convenient. I hope you will do me the  
Justice to suppose that I am actuated in this affair by no personal motive,  
for I protest Col. Bird is a man with whom I have never had the smallest  
connection, acquaintance, or communication. I beg leave to introduce  
to you the bearer of this, Mr. Francis Whiting, who is a particular  
friend of mine.

I am, Dear Sir, with great regard,

Your most ob't Serv't.

P. S. When you have done with Mr. Randolph's letter & the Report,  
be so good as send them back by Mr. Whiting.



1792.

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

March 6th  
Council  
office

As usual I have examined the account of the Contractors to furnish the Post at the Point of Fork, with provision for the last quarter ending January 31st, 1792, and find the amount to be forty-Eight pounds six shillings.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect,

Your most Ob't servant.

March 7th

WILLIAM GRIFFIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond

In Consequence of an information from Mr. Solicitor of a ballnc. due on the Specific Tax for 1782, in King & Queen county, and on which Judgement has been obtained & an execution about to be issued in consequence, I have to pray your Excellency & the Honbl. the Council's interposition in granting further indulgence for about two months, or what time the Honbl. the Executive may think reasonable, allowing me time to make some enquiry into the state of the business. The reason assigned to your Excellency & the Honbl. the Council, is as follows:

Your petitioner acting in the capacity of High Sheriff of King & Queen County, during the year 1782, did not receive the account of ball'nce of the Specific Tax from the Commiss'rs for some months after the time directed by the Law; that two of his deputies died long before the collection of that or the other Taxes could be collected, that your petitioner was so unfortunate as to take insufficient security from his two deputies, one of which becoming a perfect Sott soon after his engagement as security, & died an insolvent—the security to the other deputy proving also insolvent; that under this accumulated misfortune, your petitioner (besides this present claim) has been Compelled to pay out of his own private fortune, largely upwards of two Thousand Pounds for their failure of collections of the other Taxes without being able to be reimbursed one shilling from either his deputies or the securities; that your petitioner has reason to believe many insolvencies must have accrued in the collection of the Specific Tax not accounted for as yet; that some time in the month of April next, it will be in the power of your petitioner (if he should not be able to procure any discounts) to pay the balance & save to your petitioner the expence & disagreeableness of the effect of an execution now issuing against him. And your Petitioner will ever pray.

Your Excellency's most ob't & very h'ble serv't.

GEO. CLENDINEN TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

1792.

Sir,

A few days past, I received your Excellencie's fav'r of the 3rd of January Last, wherein I am requested to forward to your Excellency with all Imaginable dispatch, a statement of all expenees which may have accrued during the last year, in defence of this County.

March 8th  
Kanbawa

Having therefore not the smallest expectation of procuring a private conveyance, I have forwarded by express a statement of all that have accrued, as well those under the order of the Executive, as those under the order of the Secretary of War. The originals of the letter I forwarded to the War office in October last, and the former had retained in my hands, expecting application for payment was necessary to be made to your Honorable board. Muster Rolls of each service you will find Herewith, together with certificates of the amounts of Rations and ammunition actually furnished. Your Excellency will find by recurring to the order of the Secretary of War, that his order was silent as to the article of ammunition, which obliged me to use every possible economy.

If the Hon'ble Executive have it in their power to make payment, either in whole or in part, I trust it will be forwarded by the Bearer, Mr. David Millburn, whether in specie or warrants, as I am authorized to say in behalf of those who furnished the supplies and performed the service, that it is their particular desire.

If your Excellency should consider my services either as to my Rank or as to the trouble of procuring Ammunition, Rations, &c., for said Troops, deserving Reward, I trust I will not be forgotten; this far I beg leave to urge it is, I believe, the fourth year I have performed the like service without Recompence. You will herewith have enclosed A Recommendation of Magistrates, and the like for a Sheriff from the Court of this County.

Commissions will be expected on the Return of the Express, provided said Recommendations meet with the approbation of the Executive. I have also taken the Liberty to Trouble your Excellency on the subject of our defence the present year. I hope to hear from you on that subject.

I have the honor to be, with great Respect and Esteem,  
Your Excellencie's ob't, Humble Serv't.

GEO. CLENDINEN TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 8th

Sir,

On the twenty-second of last month, your Excellency's favour, Bearing date the twelfth day of Decem. last, by which, I understand

1792. that the General Assembly at their last session, directed the Executive  
 March 8th to take such Temporary defensive measures for the protection of their  
 frontier inhabitants as they deem necessary, until the arrangement of  
 the General Government shall make the same unnecessary. I also find  
 from a copy of the order of Council of that date, that Hugh Caperton,  
 Leonard Cooper and John Young, are commissioned officers for the pur-  
 pose of raising a Company of thirty-six privates, four sergeants and  
 four corporals, which said Company. I presume, If properly stationed  
 on the frontiers of this County, are in great measure equal to the object  
 for which they are intended. At the same time I Receiv'd your Excel-  
 lencie's fav'r on the aforesaid subject. The Captain of the said intended  
 Company forwarded the Commissions of his two subalterns, and orders  
 to them to embody the following number of men, to-wit; Lieutenant  
 Cooper to enlist twenty-six men, to be with him at the mouth of the  
 Great Kanawha River, and Ensign John Young to enlist twenty men  
 to be with him at the mouth of the Elk, the place of my residence.  
 That Lieutenant Cooper was to have two scouts, to be with him at the  
 mouth of Kanawha, and the balance of said officers and Men, together  
 with the other two scouts, to be reserved for the protection of the  
 County of Greenbrier.

Your Excellency and the Hon'ble Council will doubtless remember  
 the orders of your Board of the 29th of Decemb'r, 1790, and by Recur-  
 ring to the proceedings of that date, It did not then appear that the  
 County of Greenbrier had any need of a Guard. I remember of then  
 calling on the Members of that County before the Executive on that  
 subject, who's answer was, that as a Company was all owed for Kan-  
 hawa County, They deemed any further Guard for their County  
 unnecessary, Kanhawa covering then with her Inhabitants for upwards  
 of one hundred and sixty miles. This being the fact, I am led to believe  
 that that part of the said officers and men, as well as Scouts Detained  
 for the use of Greenbrier, are Intirely useless. In proof of which asser-  
 tion, give me leave to urge That when I was County Lieutenant of  
 Greenbrier, and Kanhawa remained a part thereof, & a Guard was  
 allowed for said County, That I forwarded the whole of said Guard  
 within the present bounds of Kanhawa County, and have the happiness  
 of answering the intended objects of said Company. Indeed I believe I  
 might with truth assert that there has not been an Indian within the  
 present bounds of Greenbrier County this ten years agoe, one of which  
 was killed on his return thro' Kanhawa.

It is certain that so far as the present allotment of said men Respects,  
 twenty being stationed at the Mouth of Elk, answers my particular  
 purpose, but whilst I view with much concern the present exposed  
 situation of Myself and family, I cannot help at the same time feeling  
 for those equally exposed to savage cruelty with myself. It has been  
 an invariable rule with me when protection was afforded to this County

and I had any share in the distribution, That all those equally exposed partook thereof. The principle part of Inhabitants Residing within this County, except those at the mouth of Kanhawa, lie between me and the termination of the State Road leading from Greenbrier to the falls of Kanhawa, Many of which have put themselves to considerable expense in erecting Boat yards, Building Saw Mills, Grist Mills, &c.. for the accommodation of Travelers and Inhabitants that reside within said County, all of which may fall a sacrifice, agreeably to the aforesaid allotments of said Company and Scouts. In addition to this, It has hitherto been the object of the Guard allowed us, to protect the Farmers whilst they are necessarily employed in making their crops, thereby to enable them to support their families, and give succour to Travellers when they arrive at the Boat Yards within said County, on their way to Kentucky. There is yet a respectable number of Inhabitants Residing within said County at a place called Bellville, sixty miles up the Ohio above the mouth of Kanhawa, being the same distance Elk is situated therefrom, who have not met with any provision in the distribution of said men.

I trust your Excellency and the Hon'ble Members of Council will not understand that I expect it possible to protect families (within a county so exposed as this), at their respective homes or at as many places as they may choose to collect at. Only beg leave to Intimate that the power of distributing Guards should be Intrusted with some person Residing within the county acquainted with its situation, and In the present call, if I understand your fav'r to me of the aforesaid date, I am of the opinion that the Commandant of the aforesaid Company was directed to make occasional and necessary Communications and Enquiries of the commanding officers of this county. The most essential \* \* and was the proper places of distributing said men and scouts. If such was the intention of your Excellency's orders, I am convinced none such has been made. A consequence is that the objects of the Executive, as well as the General Assembly, will, in a great measure be defeated thereby, and the Inhabitants left in a situation as Incapable of Defending themselves as if Government had taken no measures for their relief; who have directed me to forward by Express their exposed situation, which at present seems truly alarming; The Indians having been within the county, and sign in different places where they have crossed the Ohio, which has occasioned them to collect themselves together, but no troops has yet appeared for their protection; wherefore I trust that you and the Hon'ble members will so direct the premises as the Inhabitants will meet with the Intended Benefits of said Company.

I have the honor to be, with Great Respect & Esteem,  
Your Honor's ob't H'ble Servt.

1792.

March 8th

1792.

J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 March 10th I request the favour of you to order a Warrant to Mr. Samuel Shep-  
 Auditor's ard for the use of the auditor for the sum of thirty pounds upon account  
 office to defray the expence of sending out Ex'ons against public delinquents.  
 The Riders will goe out Monday or Tuesday next.

I am Y<sup>r</sup> ex'y's most ob. serv't.

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March 10th

GENERAL CHAS. SCOTT TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 Woodford I have the honor to send herewith the proceedings of the Court-  
 County Martini, ordered by the Executive of Virg'a, for the Tryall of Colo. Barnette; this being a valuable officer, & whos service is much wanted in his County, I have thought proper to discharge him from his arrest. I hope and trust it may meet your approbation.

I am unhappy to inform you that the indians are committing depredations in almos every part of our country; we have now out upwards of Two hundred Militia in quest of them. We have not had a single order yet from the Gen'l Government for chastising them, but hourly expect it. I sincerely hope I may be able to give you better nuse by the next appointment.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your Ob't Serv't.

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March 10th

JNO. TAYLOR TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Sir,  
 Montgomery Last November I was Commissioned by his Excellency, Governor  
 County Randolph, to collect the Revenue Tax for the year 1786, from the county of Montgomery; on my making application at the clerk's office, found that there was not more than about one-fourth of the lists of Taxable property taken for that year, which has prevented me from going on the business. I am at A loss How to proceed.

Your Excellency's Instructions will much oblige,

Your most Obedient & very Hbl. Serv't.

N. B.—The bearer will wait your Excellency's answer.

1792.

Mr. Auditor,

March 10th

Are the above returns to the solicitor's office; if they are, send me authenticated copies immediately, if you please?

Land office

H. L.

There are no Returns in this office from Montgomery County of the Taxable property listed for the year 1786.

J. PENDLETON.

COLONEL DANIEL TRIGG TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 12th

Sir,

I received yours of the third of January; our county needed no defence in the course of the last year, so that no expence has accrued. I received a letter from a Gentleman, requesting returns of the militia to be made to you. I confess I do not well understand him. I thought your Excellency was well enough acquainted with me. A copy of the letter I herewith inclose you. The reasons why the Executive has not been furnished with a return of the militia of this county before now, is that all that part of the county which was formerly Botetourt, has remained unofficered owing to the boundary having not been ascertained.

I am, Sir,

Your Hbl. Serv't.

The letter above mentioned, is as follows:

Sir,

His excellency, the Governor, requested me to inform you that returns of the number of militia of Montgomery County will be necessary to be made to him shortly agreeable to the laws of Virginia. If this cannot be effected before the militia are properly officered, he desires then that you would as early as possible, represent their situation by letter, that some measures may be adopted to remedy this defect.

I am, Sir, with due regard,

Your hbl. Serv't,

J. PRESTON.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

March 12th

The General Assembly having passed the following Act, to-wit:

Richmond

Whereas official information hath been received by the General

1792. Assembly that the Legislature of the State of North Carolina have  
 March 12th resolved to establish the line Commonly called Walker's line, as the  
 boundary between North Carolina and this Commonwealth, and it is  
 Judged expedient to confirm and establish the said Line on the part of  
 this State: Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly, That the  
 line Commonly called and known by the name of Walker's line, shall be,  
 and the same is hereby declared to be the boundary line of this State.

And be it further enacted, That in all Courts of law and Equity within  
 this Commonwealth, the claims of lands lying between the line Com-  
 monly called Walker's line, and the line Commonly called Henderson's  
 line, shall be decided in favor of the oldest title, whether derived from  
 this Commonwealth, or from the State of North Carolina, the operation  
 of which said Act Commenced on the first day of the present Month,  
 and it being necessary that the promulgation thereof should be made in  
 the fullest manner, I have therefore thought fit, with the advice of the  
 Council of the State, to issue this my Proclamation, making known the  
 said Act to all persons whom it may concern: and for the more certain  
 communication of the said Act to the good people of the several counties  
 lying on the said boundary line, I do hereby require that the same be  
 proclaimed at the respective Courthouses in the aforesaid Counties for  
 two Courts successively, by the Sheriff of each County aforesaid, after  
 receipt thereof.

Given under my hand and under the seal of the Commonwealth at  
 Richmond, the twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord, One  
 thousand seven hundred and Ninety-two, and of the Commonwealth,  
 the sixteenth.

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March 12th JAS. INNES, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond Mutatis mutandis, the opinion contained in my letter, bearing date  
 the 20th of June, 1791, respecting the Demand made by Governor Mif-  
 flin on this State for the delivery of Brady, McGuire, and Parsons, applies  
 appositely to the Contents of Mr. Thompson's petition. The sentiments  
 I then expressed, I have seen no cause to correct, notwithstanding ye  
 eminence of certain personages who are in Hostility to them.

To the Contents then of the above cited Letter, I must take the lib-  
 erty to refer you as a full exemplification of my Judgement on all simi-  
 lar cases.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Y'r most ob't Serv't.

JNO. HOPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

1792.

Sir,

I take the liberty of laying before your Excellency, a letter lately received from William Deakins, Jr., Esq., Treasurer for Federal Buildings, by which it will be perceived that the balance of the donation of the State for that object, will be essential to the business. I have therefore to request that a direction may be forgiven to the Treasurer to discharge the warrants, or such part of them as may be convenient. The Sum now remaining is Eighteen Thousand Dollars.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Sir,

Your most ob't Servant.

Geo. Town, Feb'y 16th, 1792.

Mr. John Hopkins:

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 12th Instant. I have received from Mr. Scott One Thousand Dollars on acc't of the last payment you received from the Government of your State for the Federal Buildings.

The State of Maryland has paid up one-third of their Donation due the first January last, & the Treasurer informs me they will be prepared to pay nearly one other third by the first of June next, altho' by the first Act it would not be due till next January, but our last Assembly directed the Treasurer to pay to the order of the President the money as it came in from the funds appropriated for the Federal Buildings, and as these funds are productive, we have hopes the full amount of the Donation will be paid in the course of this year.

On the first of April, considerable sums will be wanted to press on with Spirit & Energy, objects of the city. I therefore wish you to make further application to your Executive for the balance due on the order in your hands.

I am, Very Respectfully, Dear Sir,

Your ob't servant,

WILL. DEAKINS, JUN'R.

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JOHN HOPKINS, COMMISSIONER OF LOANS FOR VIRGINIA, TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL. March 12th

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting to your Excellency for the information of Council, an estimate of the whole amount of the debt of the United States' Loan office



1792. State of Virginia, which has been subscribed to the Loan of the United States, proposed by their Act of the 4th of August, 1790. Of the deficiency of the sum allowed to be subscribed, and of the yearly and quarterly payments of Interest to the State in the year 1792, in consequence of that deficiency, I have moreover, the honor of communicating to your Excellency that I shall be prepared on the first day of April, next, to discharge the first quarter's Interest, which will then have accrued, by paying the same on the application of the proper officer of the State, according to such instruction as shall then have been communicated from the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be, with most perfect respect and esteem,  
Your Excellency's most obedient & most Humble Servant.

March 13th

G. THOMPSON TO GOVERNOR HENRY LEE.

Sir,

Richmond

Within a few days I expect to set off to the Western Country. Shall go way of Pittsburg & down the River Ohio. There will be in my company I expect, near two hundred, consisting of men, women, & children. I wish the Executive to be good enough to let me have from the Barracks in Fluvanna, small piece of ordinance, which at my own expence I'll have repaired. The piece I wish, is very small & out of order, weighing about 40 or 50 lbs., made of Iron.

I am, Sir, ve'y Resp.,  
Y'r M't ob. S't.

March 13th

At a court held for Patrick County the 13th day of March, 1792, the court consisted of Abraham Penn, James Lyon, Jonathan Hanby, William Carter, Charles Foster, and Samuel Clark; Ordered it to be stated that before the alteration of the dividing line between the counties of Henry & Patrick, Archelaus Hughes, Gen., was the Presiding member of the County Court of Henry, but after the said alteration, fell into the county of Patrick, thus vacating his commission as justice. The court certify as their unanimous opinion, that the said Hughes should hold the position of presiding justice of Patrick County.

March 13th

Amount of Specie in the Treasury on the 13th March, 1792, five thousand, nine hundred and twenty-two pounds, eight s., seven pence.

E. B. LACY.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Amount of a quarter's Salary paid the officers of the Civil Govern- March 14th  
ment, £3,346, 15s.

The allowance to the sh'fs, Sergeants, Tipstuffs or cryers included in  
the above amount.

ROBERT CROCKETT TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 15th

Sir,

I have been informed that a memorial or some kind of complaint, Wythe Co.  
signed by some of the Militia officers of Wythe has lately been trans-  
mitted to your Excellency, to induce you to deprive me of the office of  
Lieutenant of one of the Companys of rangers stationed on the South-  
western frontier. As I know nothing of the purport of the charges but  
by hearsay, it is now out of my power to answer them. But must ob-  
serve if there had been any real foundation for complaint, why did the  
complainants keep their paper a secret to me and my friends? It ought  
to be beneath the character of a gentleman and officer to act the part  
of a dastardly assassin, to endeavor to stab in the dark. But I have  
too much confidence in your Excellency's Justice and discernment, to  
conclude that the complaint would make an impression before I knew  
what it was and had an opportunity to answer. It has been my mis-  
fortune to be a prosecutor of some of the Militia officers of Wythe, as  
Justice of the Peace; one of the enclosed papers will shew the cause.  
In this business I have acted in an open and decided manner, and with  
a sense that I was obliged to do so in obedience to the Judiciary author-  
ity, and in conformity to the laws. When this cause of hatred of some  
of the officers originated, I was then a resident of Wythe county, and had  
lived for some time in Montgomery before it was divided, of which, two  
of the papers enclosed will inform you. Some time afterward I went into  
Washington, to improve myself in the knowledge necessary for a County  
court Clerk, which I consider myself the rightful one of Wythe County.  
My father it is true, has lately removed out of Virginia to the borders  
of the S. W. Territory, but his interest and mine are separate, and has  
in a great measure been so for some years. This I hope will explain  
the subject respecting residence, which I have heard is one article of  
complaint. If needful, when I know what the others are, I trust I can  
shew on what foundation they stand. I am sorry to trouble the Execu-  
tive on such a subject, (I am not the beginner of mischief) but Justice  
to myself requires I should not be silent.

I am happy to inform you that my Quota of recruits are compleated.

I am, Sir, with due respect and Esteem,

Your Excellency's Obligated Hbl. Servant.

1792.

## HARRY HETH'S BOND AS AGENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

March 17th Know all men by these presence, that we, Harry Heth, William Foushee, John Marshall, Daniel L. Hylton, are held and firmly bound unto Henry Lee, Esq; Governor & chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his successors, in the Just and full sum of Twenty thousand pounds to be paid to the said Henry Lee, or his successors, to which payment well and truly to be made, We bind ourselves, Jointly & severally, our and each of our Joint & several Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presence.

Sealed with our Seals and dated this 17th day of March, 1792.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above-named Harry Heth hath been appointed Agent to the Sinking Fund, now if the said Harry Heth shall faithfully discharge the duties of his said office according to the instructions of the Executive, and account for all moneys which may come to his hands in consequence of his said appointment, then the above obligation to be void—else to remain in full force and vertue.

HARRY HETH,  
W. FOUSHEE.

Signed, sealed, &c., in presence of Rich'd Barbour as to H. H. & W. F.;  
Dan'l Call as to John Marshall; J. Lenox as to D. L. Hylton.

J. MARSHALL,  
DAN'L L. HYLTON.

March 17th H. KNOX, SECRETARY AT WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

My Dear Sir,

Phila-  
delphia

I have received several letters from you lately, recommendatory of characters for the military service; for all which I sincerely thank you.

Your letters have all been laid before the President of the United States, and several of the characters have been appointed upon your recommendation.

I shall by the next Post, if possible, transmit you the result of the claim for the reimbursement of the defensive protection of Kentucky, which I flatter myself will be satisfactory to you.

I with pleasure comply with your request for the discharge of Alexander Purdie, which I have hercin enclosed.

I am, with the greatest regards, my Dear Sir,  
Your most Obedient Servant.

GABRIEL JONES TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

I had not the honor of receiving your Excellency's Letter of the March 20th 2nd Feb'ry, before the 27th, & no opportunity offering before the present, Rockingham prevents me from answering it & paying that respect due to so dignified a character. I am extremely sorry of my being ignorant so long of the Executive being desirous of any services I might render ye Country by assisting Mr. Steuart in the prosecution of the Collectors of the taxes in Augusta.

Upon the first breaking out of the matter, tho' I spoke my sentiments very freely upon the subject, I was applied to for advice by the culprits, which I refused to give, or receive the fee offered, expecting probable the prosecutors might want to aid Mr. Steuart with assisting Council, as the Def'ts had employed every one they thought worth speaking too that practised in the District Court, & tho' I was frequently in company with every one of them, four in all, & very particular friends, & had often conversed with Mr. Steuart on the enormity of the crime, I never had the least hint from any one that I might be applied too, or any further assistance thought necessary. In this state things remained till ye last District Augusta Court, when I was applied to again by the Defendants not to speak in the cause, so for this I positively refused, but to remain newter. I then received a fee for that purpose, and however sorry I may be in not suspecting the Hon'ble ye Executives instructions, the above state of the matter will I presume, be a sufficient apology to your Excellency and them, for my adhering to the prior engagement made to the def'ts.

I have only to express my sincere wishes for your Excellency's happiness, and that you may go through the arduous task of Government with ease to yourself and satisfaction to ye people, and that when you retire, you may do it with the same high reputation as you did those offices formerly so worthily filled.

I have the honor to be with all possible esteem & regard,  
Your Excellency's Most obed't & very humble Serv't.

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At a meeting of the Directors of the Hospital for the maintenance March 20th  
and cure of Persons of unsound minds, held at the said Hospital in Wil- Williams-  
liamsburg the 17th day of March, 1792: burg

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Hospital be directed to apply to the Executive for a Warrant from the Auditor of Public Accounts on the Treasurer of this State for the sum of Four hundred pounds for the use of the Hospital.

A copy—Teste:

WILL. RUSSELL, C. C. D.

1792. The Sum mentioned is larger than that which has been usually drawn  
 March 20th at one time, but we trust it will be recollected that ye interval has been  
 considerable since a similar application to ye Executive was made. The  
 Hospital, of consequence, has been considerably in arrears.

I am, Sir, with the greatest Respect,

Your most Obed't Serv't.

March 20th JAMES LYLE, JR., TO ARCHIBALD BLAIR, ESQ., CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.

Sir,

Stamton Inclosed you will receive copies of the orders of the County Court  
 of Augusta, on which the proceedings Inclosed in answer to yours of  
 the 30th December last were founded; also a copy of the Insolvent List  
 on which the Indictment against William Chambers is drawn, which was  
 omitted when the other copies were sent by reason of its being at that  
 time mislaid.

I am, Sir,

Your ob. Serv't

March Augusta Court, 1788:

Ordered, that the Clerk examine the Depositums laid in the county  
 levies as far back as the year 1771, and report a state thereof to the next  
 court.

A copy:

J. LYLE, JR., D. C.

February Augusta Court, 1789:

Ordered, that Zechariah Johnston, Michael Bowyer, Joseph Bell, John  
 Wilson, David Stephenson, Robert Porterfield, and John Tate, Esquires,  
 or as many of them as can attend. Examine the Depositums of county  
 levies which have not been accounted for, and report a state thereof to  
 June Court, next; and that James Lyle, Jr., prepare the said accounts  
 for their examination, and assist in the said business agreeable to a  
 former order.

A copy:

J. LYLE, JR., D. C.

October Augusta Court, 1790:

Ordered, that the Commissioners formerly appointed, or any three of  
 them, Re examine the accounts of Depositums of County levies, for the  
 years 1785 & 1786, and that Anthony Mustoe, late Deputy Sheriff, have  
 notice to attend the said re-examination.

A copy:

J. LYLE, JR., D. C.

February Augusta Court, 1791:

1792.

Ordered, that the Commissioners heretofore appointed, to-wit: Zech-  
ariah Johnston, Michael Bowyer, Joseph Bell, John Wilson, David  
Steddhenson, Robert Porterfield and John Tate, Esquires, to examine the  
Deposits since 1781, do in addition to the duties enjoined on them by  
that order, take into their consideration the several returns of Delin-  
quents, Supernumeraries, &c., from the period aforesaid, and make report  
thereof to the Court.

A copy:

J. LYLE, JR., D. C.

A copy—Teste:

J. LYLE, JR., C. S. D. C.

1786 Tax. A List of Insolvent Returns by William Chambers, D. S.  
for Augusta County.

James Dickey, moved to Kentucky; James Alexander, moved to Ken-  
tucky; Thomas Gragg, moved to Holston; Robert Gragg, moved to  
Holston; Morris Martin, moved to Holston; Moses Hays, Insolvent;  
Francis Rucket, No such man; Elizabeth Allen, overcharged; Samuel  
Steele, overcharged; Hugh Fulton, overcharged; Charles Berry, over-  
charged; John Tate, Jr., overcharged; Charles Brown, not known;  
Dennis McKinney, moved to Kentucky; Andrew Heron, Runaway;  
Samuel Hawes, Insolvent; William Young, moved to Greenbrier; Rich-  
ard Crain, Insolvent. Mary Hunter, Insolvent; Arthur Edwards, moved  
to Greenbrier; Edward Day, Insolvent; Nathaniel Thorpe, moved; Ed-  
ward Erwin, moved to French Broad; Robert McQuillen, Moved; John  
Lamb, twice charged; Edward Brobeck, Insolvent; James Blair, moved  
to Kentucky; John Garvin, moved to Greenbrier; Andrew Honyman,  
Insolvent.

At a Court held for Augusta County, June 19th, 1787:

William Chambers, Deputy Sheriff, returned this list of Delinquents  
& Insolvents in the Taxes for 1786, amounting to Fifty-three white Tith-  
ables, above Twenty-One years; Nineteen slaves, above 16 years; & forty-  
One slaves, under 16; One hundred and forty-six horses, One hundred  
and Ninety-Eight nett cattle, & Four pounds 13s. for Tax on Covering  
horses; & having made Oath thereto according to Law, the same is  
ordered to be certified, &c.

Teste:

J. LYLE, JR., D. C.

A copy—Teste:

J. LYLE, JR., D. C.

A copy—Teste:

J. LYLE, JR., C. S. D. C.

1792. WILLIS RIDDICK, A. RICHARDSON, ALBERT M. RIDDICK, AND JOSIAH RIDDICK, TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 21st To his Excellency Henry Lee, Esquire, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We, the Subscribers do hereby Certify to your Excellency that a Court, (of which we are a majority,) was summoned & held at the Court House of Nansemond County, the 2d day of March, 1792, for the Trial of Coff, a negro man slave, the property of Edward Allen, of the said County, for Felony; that on solemn consideration of the Testimony exhibited against him, and the circumstances attending the case, it was considered by the Court that the said Coff was thereof Guilty, & that Judgment of Death was accordingly passed against him.

We do also beg leave to represent to your Excellency as our opinion, that the said Coff is worthy of a reprieve, & do most humbly solicit the interposition of your Excellency in his behalf, & hope that in your Wisdom ——— you will grant unto him such reprieve or pardon as will not only release him from his present confinement, but fully and wholly discharge him from the Judgement aforesaid.

We further represent to your Excellency that the most material & substantial testimony upon which the conviction of the said Coff was procured, was that of a negroe, an accomplice, whom altho' the law in such cases seems to have made a competent witness, we conceive may have been the principal in the perpetration of the Felony.

March 21st

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

The account of Mr. Fry upon the Foundry Books is similar to the statement enclosed, with this difference that the entry for the first hire, which came due the 24th of December, 1776, is dated April 30th, 1777; so also, is the hire for the year 1777. A Memorandum at the foot of the account as it stands on the books, reduces the amount to £8, 14s, 0d, by making the depreciation of 2½ for 1, which was the rate in the month of April, 1777.

This is evidently unjust, as the money for the first hire was due the last of December, 1776, when no depreciation had taken place, and the law establishing a scale makes the time of entering into the contract the criterion for establishing the value of money contracted to be paid, thus the sum contracted to be paid for the second year's hire should be reduced at the rate of ½ for 1, The depreciation of the money in the month of January, 1777. Of course the 15 pounds will be reduced to £10. I therefore conclude that the Just amount of this account should be £16, 15s, 0d.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most ob. Servant.

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, WITH RESPECTS TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

I have no papers for the person you mention, nor do I see any provision made for him by the Acts of last session. If the Peto. to the Legislature was to obtain settlement for depreciation of pay as a soldier, I suppose the claim is only ordered to be certified to Congress, and is included with others in a general Reso. March 23d

I am sorry your Ex'y wrote Mr. Hornsby on the State of the ———. I have returns '86 to '90, though they are not yet entered to the credit of that account. I have written to Mr. Hornsby to obviate any uneasiness on this head.

J. LAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 24th

Dear Sir,

This will be handed you accompanied by the records of the Court of Prince William in the case of a slave of mine, who has been condemned to death by a sentence which I believe was rather occasioned by the severity of the law than the enormity of the offence. However, he eluded the execution of his original sentence, by making his escape from Gaol upwards of twelve months ago, & being brought back the Court were obliged to enforce the same by appointing a new day of execution, but at the same time from the most ample testimony of the Fellow's good behavior during his absence (at Baltimore), & conceiving the end of the law to have been fully answered by such proofs of reformation, the Court have been induced to direct the record to be by their clerk transmitted to the Honorable the Executive with their prayer and recommendation of him to mercy. Dumfries

As I am extremely anxious for the preservation of the fellow. I have taken the liberty of forwarding the papers immediately, and I flatter myself your humanity will induce you to have the matter decided as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Dear Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer, held at the Court House of Prince William County on the 3rd Day of February, 1791:

Present—Jesse Ewell, Matthew Harrison, Alex'r Lithgow, Thos. Lee, Sen'r, & John Macrae, Gent. Justices.

James, a Negro man-slave, the property of Wm. Adie, Gent., Benja. Coot, a Negro man-slave, the property of John Lawson, gt., & Peter, commonly called bigg Peter, the property of Capt. John Hedges, being



1792. indicted for feloniously & burglariously entering the Corn House of John  
 March 24th Hedges, & taking thereout and carrying away two Bushels of Indian  
 Corn of the value of ten Pence, and being arraigned in open Court, upon  
 their arraignment Pleaded not guilty; and thereupon the several Wit-  
 nesses against them were sworn and examined, and upon consideration  
 thereof the Court are of opinion that the afores'd James & Benj. Coot  
 are guilty of the said Burglary & Felony.

Therefore, it is considered by the Court that the said Peter be dis-  
 charged out of Prison & conveyed to his master, and that the aforesaid  
 James & Benj. Coot be Hanged by the Neck on the 12th day of March  
 next, between the hours of 10 & 3 o'cl'k, until they be Dead; and the  
 Court are of opinion that the aforesaid Benj. Coot is worth Eighty-five  
 Pounds current money, & that James is also worth Eighty-five Pounds  
 current money, which is ordered to be certified.

A copy—Teste:

ROBERT GRAHAM, C. & C. W.

At a court called and held at the court house of Prince William  
 County, the 17th day of March, 1792.

Present: George Graham, Matthew Harrison, Alexander Lithgow,  
 Thomas Lee, Sen'r, gent., John McRae and Charles Ewell, Justices.

Benjamin Coot, a negro man slave, the property of John Lawson,  
 Gent., who was convicted of Felony and Burglary, and condemned to  
 die at a court of oyer and Terminer, called and held at the court house  
 of the said county, on the third day of February, 1791, but escaped  
 from Gaol before execution could be done upon him in pursuance of his  
 said sentence, was arraigned at the Bar and thereupon the record of the  
 proceedings formerly had against him being read, it was demanded of  
 him if he had or could say anything for himself why execution should  
 not be done upon him in pursuance of his former sentence; he saith  
 that he is the same Benja. Coots in the said record mentioned; there-  
 upon he is remanded to Gaol, and it is ordered that Execution of his  
 former sentence be done upon him, on Thursday, the 26th Day of April  
 next, between ten in the forenoon & two in the afternoon.

Absent: George Graham, Gt.

Then the court being informed of, and having examined evidence as  
 to the behavior of the aforesaid Benja. Coot since his escape from Gaol,  
 now upwards of twelve months, which appearing to be unexceptionable,  
 do order that the clerk transmit a copy of the record to the Executive  
 with their prayer & recommendation of him to mercy.

The business of the court being over, the same is Dissolved.

(Signed) M. HARRISON.

A True copy—Teste:

ROBERT GRAHAM, C. & C.

SAM. COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

In a report on the enclosed papers from the County Lieutenant of Kanawha, I have only to remark that although Dispatches dated 25th of March, 1791, were forwarded by express to the county Lieuten't, directing that the troops embodied under an order of the Executive of the 29th of December, 1790, be on receipt thereof immediately discharged, the United States having adopted full and effectual measures for the defence of the Western Frontier, yet the said troops were not discharged until the first day of May, 1791. The pay-rolls and other papers are duly authenticated, and are forwarded in pursuance of your Excellency's letter of the 3d of January last.

March 24th  
Council  
office

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most ob't servant.

The following are the papers inclosed in the report of the County Lieutenant of Kanawha.

A copy of the roll of Captain John Morris' company of Rangers called into service by order of the Hon'l Gen'l Knox, Secretary of War, commencing the first day of May, and terminating the 30th day of September, 1791, both days inclusive.

Captain John Morris, Lieutenant, George Shaw, Ensign, Andrew Lewis and Alex'r Clendinen, Sergeants, Joseph McBride, Wm. Morris, John Handsford, Geo. Roberts, Privates, Thomas Upon, Fleming Cobb, John Sharp, David Johnston, Michael Newhouse, William Crain, John Buckle, John Morris, Junior, Joseph Burwell, Larkin Stone, Charles McClurg, William Neel, Jas. Hale, Henry Newhouse, Thos. Sammons, Thos. Alsbury, Sen'r, Edw'd McClurg, Jno. Carter, Jas. Hazleton, Jas. Spencer, Benj. Johnston, Lewis Loyd, William Hall, Patrick Cockhern Wm. Miller, William McCullum, Pleasant Wede, Edmund Newhouse, Joseph Graham, Reuben Simmons, Leonard Morris, Geo. Alderson, Abram Barker, Edward Price, William Griffith, Joseph Carroll, John Moss, Wm. Carroll, Francis Watkins, Reuben Slaughter, Wm. Morris, Jun'r, John Bailey, Adonijah Mathews, Jonathan Windsor, William Rider, Henry Moriss, Conrad Young, Mathias Young, Chas. Young, Joseph Edwards, Lewis Jacket, John Jones, Levy Morris, Benj. Morris, Wm. Dreddy, Thos. Alsbury, Jr., Lewis Jacket, Jun'r, John Jacket, Archibald Caisey, Edw'd Hughes, John Bailey, Jr., John Cavender, Joseph Clymer, Nat. Hudleston, Roland Wheeler, Henry Bailey, Wm. Smith, John Childers, Mathew Wheeler, Rowland Wheeler, Sam'l White, Robert Juon, Philip Juon, Wm. Hughes, John Caseboll, John Wheeler, Davis Alderson, Sam'l Peoples, Ezekial Dreddy, John Jenkins, Thos. Hughes, Thos. Shirkey, Thos. Hughes, Jr., Wm. Pryer, Carroll Morris, Gabriel Jones, John Windsor, Chas. Alsbury, John Edwards, John Sheppard.

1792. Also, a statement by Geo. Clendinen, county Lieutenant of Kanawha  
 March 24th county, of the amount of rations—namely, 14,994 furnished said company for 153 days at six pence per Ration.

Also, a statement by the said Clendinen of the ammunition purchased for the said company, amounting to £25, 0s, 0d, for its use during the 153 days.

March 26th

J. DAWSON TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Dear Sir,

Phila-  
 delphia

I am at a loss to assign a cause for my not receiving your favour of the 5th of this month until this morning. I immediately made an enquiry of the Speaker of the house of representatives of this State, & Learn that the application from the Legislature of Virginia has not been acted on by them, nor is there any entries on their Journals that appears strange, & I have not yet been able to obtain the cause, but shall pay particular attention to it & communicate more fully by the next post.

With Esteem.

March 27th RECEIPT OF JOHN EVANS, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, FOR LEAD & POWDER.

Monongalia  
 County

Received March 27th, 1792, of Col. Daniel Boon 709 lbs. Lead, 190 Lbs. powder; a proportion of Flints for the use of the men of Harrison and Monongalia counties in actual service; also a proportion of Flints for Randolph county, Rec'd by me.

March 27th

R. BROOKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

I am this moment honored with your letters of 23rd Inst., and would with the greatest pleasure, immediately undertake the business you are thereby pleased to entrust to me, but having received no instructions last week respecting it (as I expected), I was induced to believe the Executive would not require my services. Under this impression, I have made such engagements as will put it out of my power to go to Staunton as required—a circumstance I lament the more as it deprives me of an opportunity of manifesting to you the pleasure and readiness with which I should always execute your commands.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with the most perfect Respect,

Your most ob't Serv't.

GEO. SKILLERN TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

I take the liberty to enclose to you the recommendation of two Persons as Inspectors of Tobacco at Crow's Warehouse, who are much wanting, as the People are paying in Tobacco for their arreurances—at least they wish to do so, but have not an opportunity, as there is only one at this time. The Bearer promises to wait on you for your Commands.

March 27th  
Botetourt  
County

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most Ob't Servant.

At April Botetourt Court, 1790:

Jesse Clarke came into Court, and with their leave resigned his Commission as Inspector of Tobacco at Crow's Warehouse, and it is ordered that William Billro be recommended to the honorable the Executive of this Commonwealth as a fit person to execute said office.

A copy—Teste:

T. BOWYER, CL.

At January Botetourt Court, 1792:

Ordered, that Dnbartis Shepherd be recommended to the Hon'ble the Executive of Virginia as a fit person to execute the office of Inspector at Crow's Warehouse.

A Copy—Teste:

T. BOWYER, CL.

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WM. W. HENING TO THE HONORABLE HARDIN BURNLEY, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, RICHMOND. March 28th

Dear Sir,

From motives of humanity, (which I doubt not will also influence you), I am induced to solicit your interposition in the Executive department for a man whose ease will appear from a copy of the record herewith sent you. This man thro' honest industry in the retail line, with difficulty supports an aged father and mother, besides a growing family of his own. He had taken out a license to retail goods under the Act imposing nex taxes, and thinking himself thereby authorized to retail spirituous Liquors also, did sell them by retail. On examination of the Testimony, it was proved that he had sold one quart of cider only. The Jury conceiving themselves bound to find him guilty on this testimony, accordingly did so; and the court altho' strongly inclined to

Fredericks-  
burg

1792. remit the fine imposed by law on the offence, were compelled to pass  
 March 28th sentence, tho' they did not doubt but that the Executive would remit it. If any other papers or Testimony are necessary than the Copy of the Judgment and the statement of the matter which I have given, which may be relied on, I will cheerfully furnish them, and flatter myself that I shall find a disposition in you & the other Honorable members in your department to favour the charitable attempt.

I am, Respectfully y<sup>r</sup>s.

Fredericksburg Court of Hustings, August 1791:

The Commonwealth against Thomas Sacrea, Defendant, In debt for retailing spirituous liquors without a License.

This day came as well the Deputy Attorney for the Commonwealth in the Corporation aforesaid, as the said Thomas Sacrea by his attorney, and thereupon came a Jury, to-wit: George W. Spooner, who being elected, tried, and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue Joined upon their Oath, do say that the defendant is guilty in manner and form as in the Information against him is alledged. Therefore, it is considered by the Court that the Commonwealth recover against the Def<sup>t</sup> Ten pounds, the debt in the declaration mentioned, for and toward the better Support of this Government, & the Contingent charges thereof, and that the said Defendant pay the Costs of this prosecution, and may be taken, &c.

Costs, 302 lbs. G. Tobacco, & 15s.

Teste:

JAS. CHEW, C. C. H.

March 28th J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, STATEMENT OF GENERAL GIST'S CLAIM.

Auditor's  
 office

It is well known that the Auditor is divested of every check which the office afforded on claims that originated & may have been paid during the paper money system. The auditor entertains the highest conceptions of this Gentleman's integrity & veracity, and therefore relays that he would not prefer a claim which he knew had been paid before, but in transactions which are perhaps trusted to memory; after a lapse of 14 years, a fact of this trivial nature might be forgotten, for it is rather unaccountable that this claim should have lain so long dormant; the law w<sup>ch</sup> gave this donation passed in Octo. '78, and the claimant is possessed of a manuscript copy of the Act transmitted to him by the Executive early in '79.

The Auditor is not clear that the claimant is barred by any particular act of limitation, but it seems to have been the design of the Legisla-

ture to discontinue the settlement of every description of army dis- 1792.  
counts, as they have taken away the authority for settling Pay & depre- March 28th  
ciation accounts, & militia claims for services performed during the war,  
and claims for supplies.

Dr. The Commonwealth of Virginia,  
In Acc't with Nathaniel Gist:

1778.

To Six months' pay as Colo. at 75 Dollars p. month, - \$135 00

Be pleased to settle the above acc't with Mr. Cary Drew, & his rec't  
shall be good against

Your Ob't Serv't,

N. GIST.

March 20th, 1792.

To the Executive of Virginia:

Whereas from the present high prices of all commodities, it is  
certain that the pay allowed the officers & soldiers in the Service of the  
United States of America, will by no means enable them to procure the  
Comforts or even the necessaries of life; and whereas it is also certain  
that both officers and soldiers have, by devoting themselves entirely to  
the cause of the liberty of mankind, not only neglected the opportunity  
of increasing, but have much injured the fortunes they were possessed  
of at the time they entered the service. In order, therefore, to show  
the grateful sense of the people of this state have for these Brave offi-  
cers & soldiers, as well as to enable and encourage them to persevere in  
such Laudable exertions:

"Be it Enacted by the General Assembly, that each officer & soldier  
belonging to this State, and now in the Service of the United States,  
Shall be presented with Six months' pay out of the public Treasury to  
be remitted to them in such manner as the Governor with the advice of  
the Council shall think proper.

An Act to enable the officers of the Virg'a Line, and to enable the  
soldiers of the same line to continue in the Continental service.

A True copy.

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ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

March 28th

Washington, March 2nd, 1792.

Sir,

As the inclosed extract of a letter contains information interesting  
to this State in particular, I Judge it my duty to forward it, as its

1792. authority may be depended on, the original being in my possession, and  
 March 28th the officer that writes has often given intelligence that has turned out  
 to the advantage of the Publick.

Some indication of resistance seems to be given in the S. W. Territory to permitting the Inhabitants between what is called Henderson and Walker's Line becoming Citizens of Virginia, agreeably to the late Act of Assembly. I shall be happy to receive your Excellency's instructions on the subject as far as what may respect the Militia of Washington, which may also serve as advice to the Sheriff in serving process.

I am, Sir,  
 Your most ob. Servant.

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March 28th      EXTRACT OF A LETTER DATED NEAR CHO'TA, FEB'Y 1ST, 1792.

It is with difficulty that intelligence, (to be relied on,) can be had from the Cherokees at present. The Traders both in and out of the Towns, do all in their power to conceal the murders and robbery of the Indians, and has carefully instructed them the necessity of secrecy in such matters. However, some avenues are yet open thro' which I receive information. Some Indians have among the frontier Inhabitants favourites, whom they call Comrades, and to whom they will with freedom tell whatever they know.

Major ——— is a Comrade to the Chief of Tellico, who is one of the most friendly Indians in the Nation. He has lately informed the Major that 20 Warriors from the Town of Nicotae & Crow Town was at the defeat of our Army over ye Ohio, that two of them were slain, one a Chief of small note. Another Indian informed John ——— of little River Settlement, that 60 Indians of the Chicamogga Towns were in the battle, and that he saw them at Estanah with several scalps and a great deal of plunder.

The mischief done in Washington at Mockison Gap, last fall, was done by a party of Cherokees, who lived in a Town at the mouth of Hiwassee. The party that did the mischief in the beginning of the Winter on ye Kentucky road was Cherokees, Commanded by a fellow called Red-Bird Bowles, commonly called Colo. Bowles, who went to England some years ago with Moses Price and some Indian Chiefs; is returned, and resides now among the upper Creeks, and who is endeavoring to engage them in a war with the United States, and that they were preparing to make a stroke in the Spring. M. Gillivray had departed for Pensacola greatly vexed with the conduct of the Creeks for listening to Bowles. Little satisfaction can be got from the Indians respecting the business they went to England. Moses Price says the King of England advised them to live in peace with the United States. But it is

curious that the King of England should be at so much trouble and expence for no other purpose but to advise the Indians to be at Pence. 1792.  
 Bennet Bellow a few days ago, appeared at Knoxville in a Coat appearing to be one of the Uniforms of the officers of ye Federal Regiment. March 28th

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Amount of Specie in the Treasury on the 28th of March, 1792, £6,495, 15s, 2d.

EDMUND B. LACY.

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ZACHARIAH JOHNSTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

March 28th

D'r Sir,

I expect you have heard of some combinations in Augusta respecting the Excise Law, which, Sir, has been as all other reports of the kind, generally much exaggerated, and I am sorry to say some Respectable men has inadvertently, I really believe, rather than through Ill design, given their Countenance to an improper ill-worded remonstrance, which has in the last these words: Untill we can Petition for redress or repell by force. A neighbour of mine in Augusta, and Capt. of the militia, who had laid two valuable Stills idle on account of the Excise Law, I believe Drew the papers, & unwarily, from an anxious desire to redress grievances, let this unwary word, or repell by force, slip into his pen's mouth, and he solemnly declares it was an act that never entered his heart, nor was proposed by him, nor any in his Company when they were convened, although every man reprobated the law; & sir, be assured it is too generally so in this part of the country, and as my son James & Capt. Frazer live near neighbours, & command adjoining companys, I understand this remonstrance they and I corresponded in, although my son has no still himself. But as some disparaging Language had fallen in Publick from Major Porterfield on to my son's conduct, as it said that life itself could hardly atone for such ill-timed popularity, a new mischief, rather personal, is like to arise from some individuals, and a desire to apply improperly the Publick Arms to Private Broils, which can never effect the Pubhek good; from what I have heard, some hasty & rash accusations may appear before your honorable Board. I pray your, Sir, Call for some information from Mr. St. Clair; in this whole business as a man of truth and veracity, I'll say to you as God is my witness, I Believe there is no Danger to the Publick, unless it arise from an unfriendly & ill-timed Proseccution from Pride and private rancour. I dare pledge to you my reputation for the



1792. Publiick Quiet & safety, if the matter can but rest, but I leave you to  
 March 28th Judge what my feelings must be after the pains I have taken, which  
 have been great, both for publick and private peace. I shall at least  
 lament to see the Public hand lifted in Private malice. I hear I have  
 hardly escaped hard names, such God knows I don't deserve. However,  
 sir, I refer you to Colo. Carrington for fuller information & more par-  
 ticular.

& be assured, sir,  
 I am both the Publiick & your Excellency's very humble serv't.

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March JOHN EVANS, LIEUTENANT DAVID SCOTT, AND CHARLES MARTIN TO THE  
 GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Monongalia To his Excellency, the Governor, and the Honorable the Council of the  
 County State of Virginia:

The Field officers of Monongalia county humbly beg leave to repre-  
 sent to your Honors the exposed situation of the Frontiers of said  
 County, there being two partienlar Passes that the cruel Indian enemy  
 come through to commit depredations; those passes being at so great a  
 distance apart, renders it out of the power of two Lieuts. to watch them.  
 We, therefore, on behalf of the Frontiers, Humbly beg your Honors to  
 grant us two Scouts in addition to those two that you have been good  
 enough to allow us, knowing that your Honors have ever been Willing  
 to defend your Frontiers as far as consistant, I boldens us to make this  
 request. We expect to have a troublesome summer occasioned by a  
 cruel savage Enemy, untill the General Government can have it in their  
 power to make such arrangements as to them will seem Eligible, which  
 we hope and trust may be soon.

We have, gentlemen, the Honor to be,  
 Your most Obed't, Huml. Servant.

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March Sundry accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia with John Pen-  
 dleton, Auditor; and John Pendleton, Auditor, with the Commonwealth  
 of Virginia, extending from October, 1791, to March 10th, 1792, and  
 marked No. 1 & 2.

ALEX. WHITE TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

I cannot comply with the request of my constituent better than by transmitting his letter; how far it is in the power of the Executive to grant redress, I am not able to say.

April 1st  
Phila-  
delphia

I am, with Sentiments of great respect.

WILLIAM McMAHEN TO ALEXANDER WHITE.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter dated March the second, and am sorry to hear that the pay is fixed at three dollars pr month for the troops; I find that I shall have great difficulty in raising my company in consequence of the pay not being equal to what is allowed in the State of Pennsylvania, & also, it not being an adequate compensation for the service expected to be performed. I have to inform you that the Indians have began to be very troublesome. On the 9th of this month, they stole off, about four miles from my house on our frontier, eight horses & killed one other, and this day I have been informed with certainty, that they killed a family living on Dunkard creek, a Branch of Monongahela, so that we in this Country expect nothing but trouble this Spring. Probably a letter from you to our Executive, informing him of the disadvantages we lie under respecting the smallness of our pay in comparison with our neighboring State, would be attended with some good effect. Every opportunity that offers, I should wish you to embrace to inform me of what passes among you, & on my part I do assure you nothing will give me more pleasure than to Communicate to you, every information that you can receive from this part of the Country.

I am, with Esteem & respect,

Y'r most ob't Serv't.

West Liberty, M'rch 21st, 1792.

\*THE POTOMAC GUARDIAN AND BERKELEY ADVERTISER.

April 3d

Tuesday, April 3d, 1792. No. 73,—Vol. 2.

Motto—"Where liberty dwells, there is my Country."

\*This little sheet, 9 by 15 inches, which is much worn and in some places illegible, seems to have been the property of Dr. Henry, and is not only interesting in its contents, but illustrative of the character of the newspaper of its period.

1792.

WILLIAM PRICE TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

April 4th Being informed that Maj'r Langham intends to resigne his post at  
Henrico Co. the Barracks, If so, give me leave to inform you that I intends to offer  
myself as a Candidate for his post, provided you think me worthy of  
the appointment. I flatter myself from my long servetude at that Post,  
as assistant to Capt. John Peyton, It will be in my power to give Gen'l  
Satisfaction, as being fully acquainted with the duties of the Post.  
Have done the business there for five years. Not having the pleasure of  
your acquaintance, give me leave to refer you to several of your Honor'l  
Council, who are witnesses to my character & conduct while at that  
Post, before & since having served my country all the war in a Military  
character.

I am, Sir,

Y'r most obt. Serv't.

April 5th

WM. MEMACHAN'S RECEIPT TO COL. DAN'L BOONE FOR LEAD, &amp;c.

R'd April 5th, 1792, By the hand of Moses Williams, on ac't of Col.  
Boon, One hundred & seventy pound powder, also five Hundred &  
Sixty-Eight pounds of Lead. One kegg with a number of flints and  
several other small articles.

Wit.:

RICH'D SPEER.

April 7th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Sir,

War I have this day directed the paymaster to transmit to the treasurer  
Department of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the amount of payments made by  
Virginia, agreeably to the Report of Joseph Howell, acting Paymaster  
of the War department, herein enclosed, amounting to four thousand  
eight hundred Dollars & 53½-100.

These accounts do not amount to those transmitted by your Excel-  
lency, by the sum of two hundred and twenty-three 26-100 dollars.  
This excess is not authorized by any law, & it would be extremely diffi-  
cult to obtain one for that purpose.

I am persuaded that your Excellency will not conceive this small sum  
any object of pursuit, as the executive of the United States would read-  
ily have ordered payment, were it authorized so to do.

The accounts relative to the expenditures of Kenhawa county, are destitute of the vouchers which will be indispensably necessary in order for payment. If you will please to direct that they be forwarded, the amount shall be immediately paid.

1792.

April 7th

I have the honor to transmit you the Copies of a letter to the President of the United States from Col. Benjamin Wilson, of Harrison County, and the answer thereto. If it should be your Judgment that the additional protection be indispensable throughout the season of activity, it shall be extended accordingly on your application.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Excellency's most Humble servant.

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H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO COL. BENJ. HARRISON.

April 7th

War Department, 7th April, 1792.

Sir,

I am directed by the President of the United States to acknowledge the receipt of yours to him of 29th Febr'y, 1792, and to inform you that his Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, was authorized in behalf of the President of the United States, to add as many scouts as he should Judge expedient, at the general expence, to any part of the Exposed counties not exceeding eight in number to any one County.

It is the disposition of the President of the United States, that the most entire protection should be afforded the exposed counties, that the nature of the case may require. The Executive of Virginia must be presumed to be competent to Judge of this matter, and they have made an arrangement upon this subject. But as some inconvenience may result from waiting for an application from the Governor of Virginia, the counties of Randolph and Monongahala will be permitted the four scouts requested by your Letter of the 29th February, together with such a sufficient number of rangers, upon the continental establishment as a temporary arrangement, as shall be deemed indispensably necessary, not exceeding the company mentioned in your Letter, until the Executive of Virginia may make an application confirmative of the same for the season.

I am, Sir,

Your humble Servant.

1792.

JOHN GEURRANT, JUNIOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

April 9th  
Goochland

Being informed that Major Langham is about to resign his appointment as manager of the Post, at Point of Fork, I take the freedom from a long and intimate acquaintance with Col. Sam'l Richardson, of Fluvanna, to recommend him to your particular attention as a gentleman of undoubted probity, Integrity and patriotism, and whose capacity, I believe, is equal to any business in which he would engage; his general character and situation in life will warrant any recommendation from me. If consistent with your own pleasure to prefer him to the app't he now solicits, I doubt not his execution of the office with faithfulness & propriety.

I am, Sir, with the highest respect,

Y'r Excellency's mo. ob. Servant.

April 9th

ARGYLE, A SLAVE, CONDEMNED TO BE HUNG.

Norfolk Borough:

At a court of Oyer and Terminer, Summoned and held the 9th day of April, 1792, in the 16th year of the Commonwealth, pursuant to the Act of Assembly in such cases made an 1 provided, for the trial of Argyle, a slave the property of Samuel Moseley, charged with Felony in Breaking in and entering the Store House of Phineas Dana, on the 16th day of March last, in the night time and felonously stealing from thence, to the value of Five pounds of the goods and chattels of said Phineas Dana.

Present:—Cary H. Hausford, Esquire, Mayor, Cornelius Calvert, James Ramsey, Robert Taylor, Paul Proby, Gent'n Aldermen.

The above named slave, Argyle, being committed to the Gaol of this Borough, charged with the Felony aforesaid, was set to the Bar and being arraigned of the premises, he said he was in no wise guilty, and thereof according to the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, he put himself upon the court, and several Witnesses were produced, sworn and examined, whereupon it seems to the court as the case appears to them that the said slave Argyle, is guilty of the Felony aforesaid, in manner and form as above against him is alledged, and it being demanded of him if anything for himself he had to say why the Court to Judgement and execution against him, of, and upon the premises should not proceed, he said he had nothing to say beside what he had before said. Thereupon it is considered by the Court that the said

slave, Argyle, he hanged by the neck until he be dead, and it is said to the Sergeant that Execution be done on Friday, the 13th day of May next. 1792. April 9th

The Court values the said slave Argyle at Seventy Pounds.

The Court Recommends to his Excellency the Governor the said Slave Argyle, as a proper object of mercy.

A copy—Teste:

ALEXANDER MOSELEY, C. N. C.

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J. K. READ TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 10th

Sir,

Colo. Samuel Richardson, who will have the honor to deliver you this, is induced to become a Candidate for the Command at Columbia. Being entirely unacquainted either with your Excellency or any of the Executive. He has requested of me an introduction. I can aver from a long acquaintance with him, that his character stands fair among his fellow citizens. His fortune is of respectable responsibility, & being situated near the post in question, would make the exercise of his duty perfectly convenient to him. I have not a doubt he would give satisfaction to those who shall be instrumental in his promotion. Richmond

I am with sentiments of respect, Sir,

Y'r very ob't Serv't.

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SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 10th

Sir,

As usual I have examined the returns from the Post at the Point of Fork, under the superintendence of Elias Laugham, Esquire, and find the amount of the pay-roll for the superintendant, armonrers, and Guard to be Eighty-eight pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence, to the 31st of March, 1792. Council office

The sum remaining in the hands of the Superintendant for the purpose of procuring Iron, oil, &c., not yet accounted for, appears to be thirty-one pounds, nine shillings.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Serv't.

1792.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO GENERAL WOOD.

Sir,

April 11th  
Council  
office

By the Regulations which were made for the defence of the Western frontier for the year 1789, the County of Fayette were allowed four scouts and thirty Rangers. I cannot discover that any claim for the service of scouts in the year 1789, for the County of Fayette, have been referred to the auditor for settlement, & therefore conclude that the enclosed claims may be proper.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob. serv't.

April 12th

ALEX. SPOTSWOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dear Sir,

Excuse the liberty I take of asking your attention to the following business—it will help a man whose pocket is sometimes low. In the years 1780, '81 or '82, I think in 1780. I with many was called out by Governor Jefferson, to take command of a Regiment of militia on the invasion of this State by Gen. Leslie. The date of my Commission will appear from the Books of the Council during Jefferson's administration.

What time the campaign ended I no not, but of this Col. Goode or Major Clemer can inform you. The time I was out, allowing me 3 day's march to Richmond from my house, & 5 do. from Petersburg home, constitutes my demand for pay as Colonel, which I pray you to get, or put me in the way. It is I am told, currently talked of to the north that you are to command against the Yellow Jackets this Summer. If so, should you come near me, I beg to see you before going out.

April 14th

DAVID SHEPHERD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Ohio County

As the present season appears to us to be the most dangerous of any that we have experienced, as our expedition has only served to aggravate the savages against us, and as we being the most exposed, expect to feel the force of their Resentment, as it already has Began in a most cruel manner. In the space of one month, they have been in our country three times and killed three persons, scalped one which is yet alive, a woman and three children; at Muskingum burnt several Houses, & stole a number of Horses. Upon the consideration of which, we thought necessary to order out a company of our Militia untill Capt.

McMachan had Raised his company, and untill further orders. But the whole answers us no good purpose, as we are not one man stronger, but one neighbor guarding the other, and then the other guard him in turn, which gives us no great Relief. I understand that some orders were sent from Government to me Dated about the 5th of Jun'y, which I never Received. If they gave matters of consequence, I hope they may be forwarded by a safe hand. I Labour under a disagreeable circumstance, as I have to obey the orders of the United States, and likewise the orders of our own State, which some times Disagree.

I am, Sir, with respect,  
Your Hum. Serv't.

The following letters were inclosed in the above:

War Department, Feb'y 25, 1792.

Sir,

As there cannot be the least doubt of the disposition of the Indians to make all possible Inroads on the frontier as early as the season will admit, so there ought not to be the least omission or delay in plaining out the scouts, and putting the frontier Inhabitants in the best posture of Diffence.

In addition to the above conjecture and suggestion founded on the probable state of things, some information has been received by which it would appear to have been the Intention of the Indians to have acted with great violence against the settlements last December, but the severity of the season then prevented, but every preparation ought to be made for their reception the ensuing spring, and an habitual vigilance established to guard against being surprized.

Congress are about making a provision, which is conceived to be adequate for offensive operation, which when matured, will afford the requisite protection; But in the meantime, the Inhabitants ought to be alert, and every expedient Devised for security.

I am, Sir,  
Your very Humble Serv't,

H. KNOX.

A copy—Major McMACHEN.

Ohio Co., Ap'l 3rd, 1792. April 14th

Sir,

Agreeably to your request, I have taken the liberty to inform you that we have every reason to believe that we will have a troublesome summer on our Frontiers. About the 9th of March, the Indians took



1792. eight horses, & killed one about five miles from my house; about  
 April 14th 20th, they killed one woman & three children at Belspray, the New  
 England settlement; the 21st, two of the Spies discovered the trace of  
 five Indians, about 20 miles from the River, coming into the settlement.  
 They gave me notice, & I immediately went with a party to intercept  
 them, but they acted with great caution near the settlement, & having  
 the advantage of the season, owing to the dryness of the leaves & the  
 herbage not rising, we could not follow them, but on their finding us  
 pursuing them, they took the advantage of the night & stole 2 horses &  
 went off; the 30th the spies discovered the trace of a party, & pursued  
 them to the River about six miles below Wheeling, where they had  
 crossed on a Raft over to our settlement, & my Ensign is in pursuit with  
 a party, & is not yet returned; some people lately arrived from down  
 the River inform me that a number of Rafts were seen by them below  
 our settlements, where parties, I suppose, have crossed, that will fall  
 on Harrison county as on part of Pennsylvania. The people are much  
 alarmed, & several families, & finding it impracticable to defend so exten-  
 sive a frontier with so few men as Government has given us. The in-  
 habited part of our frontier being near one hundred miles on the River,  
 we have here called a counsel of our officers, & have thought it prudent  
 to order out a company of militia for our safety, which I hope may  
 meet with your approbation. I have had great difficulty in raising my  
 men, & yet not compleat, owing to the liberal wages given by the State  
 of Pennsylvania to their Rangers, which is 50s. per month, and every  
 man who finds his own Rifle is allowed — — dollars for the use of it;  
 this difference gives the people great uneasiness, as it has drawn a num-  
 ber of our best men from our frontier into their service, & I confess I  
 feel myself hurt on the occasion, as I have reason to think there was a  
 design in it, for on my return from Richmond by the way of Philadel-  
 phia, the members of Washington in Pennsylvania enquired of me what  
 was done by our Assembly for our frontiers. I informed them; they  
 requested a copy of my instructions from your Hon'ble Board, which I  
 gave them; and they, I believe, formed their law by it, & only gave  
 extra wages.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter from Gen'l Knox on the subject of  
 defending our frontiers. I would thank you for instructions in regard  
 to the militia called out, & if approved of, to give me instructions how  
 they are to be victualled. You will please to direct to me to the Pitts-  
 burg Post, as there is a Post from that place here.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Y'r most Ob't Serv't,

WM. McMAKIN.

P. S.—I have this instant been informed that the party of Indians I  
 supposed came into our settlement, have taken two Boys about 7 miles

above the mouth of Wheeling, & that a party of our men are pursuing them. I have omitted to mention that I was compelled to give my men reason to believe that they would be on an equal footing with the Pennsylvania Rangers.

1792.

April 14th

WM. M.

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RICH'D RANSOM'S CERTIFICATE AS TO JOHN CRANE, JR.

April 14th

Being called on by Mr. James Crane, Father to John Crane, Jun'r, who are now in prison for the murder of a certain Abraham Vanhorn, respecting the Prisoner having fits, I do hereby certify that late in the year 1788, when snow on the ground, that Jno. Crane, Jun'r, who are now prisoner for the charge above lodged, was at my house, and his wife, and agreed to stay all night. Some short time after I discovered a great alteration in Mr. Crane appearing to look very wild out of his eyes and insisted to go home. When I discovered he would not stay all night I sent one of my sons with him for fear of his meeting with some accident; in a very short time or sooner then I expected he had got home, a messenger came for me, informing me Mr. Crane had a fit. I immediately went, and when I saw Mr. Crane found him Quite Insensible of his complaint—ravin Distracted; at times took several persons to hold him. He continued in this way in madness for six or seven hours quite out of reason, and for two or three days before he got to his natural reason again. These fits or madness has followed him ever since at times.

Sworn to before me this 14th Day of April, 1792.

J. B. WILSON.

Judith Whiting, William Howard, Robert Throckmorton, Daniel Duffield, Susanah Whiting, Giles Cooke, certify as to John Crane, Jr.:

We, the subscribers, do hereby certify that we have seen Mr. John Crane, the younger, whom stands charged with the death of Abraham Vanhorn, seized with uncommon fits; at which time appeared to be a kind of madness for some time before he was confined to his bed, & after his recovery, which was generally three or four days before he came to his reason; & when that was obtained, he has often mentioned that he did not remember anything of his being disordered, tho' felt himself very sore, weak, and light-headed—the first of his seizure was late in the year 1786.

Subscribed this 14th Day of April, 1792.

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DR. ROBERT HENRY TO DR. JAMES MCCLURG.

Sir,

April 14th I have Just been applied to by Mr. James Crane, Father of Mr. Berkeley Co. John Crane, Jun'r, the unfortunate Prisoner now in Winchester, for a certificate of my attendance on him as a Physician some years ago, which I suppose will be before the Honorable Council. But as a full statement of his complaint ~~could~~ not with propriety be laid before that Body, and being informed that you were a member, though I have not the honour of a personal acquaintance with you, yet motives of humanity & common Justice has induced me to take the liberty of addressing you at this time, in order to give you as much information of his complaint as I am capable of.

When I was first called to him, which was on the 20th day of Nov., 1782, I found him labouring under a violent nervous affection of the whole frame, Particularly most violent spasms of the lower Intestines, attended with strong symptoms of Phrensy. I was informed by the family that he had been in that situation two or three days; had been attended by a Gentleman of the Faculty who lived nigh to him, without receiving any relief. On further examination, I found that his complaint was attended with an obstinate costiveness, for which repeated purges had been given without any effect, when I concluded his complaint to be a dry griping, (that of his having fits being kept a secret from me, but communicated to me by a particular friend of his some time after, and before he had any return of the complaint.) They informed likewise, that he had been blooded freely, From his extreme Restlessness & Impatience & pain. When in any degree in his senses, I was obliged to give large quantities of Laudanum to take off the spasm, and afterwards large doses of the Oleum Recini, which happily relieved him, though several days elapsed before he came entirely to his senses.

I attended him two different times after the 26th of Aug., & 25th of October, 1789, in the same complaint. The symptoms were always the same, with the difference that they continued longer, were more alarming, with stronger appearances of Real Madness on every return. Though I was called in the two last times as soon as possible, yet living at some distance, I never saw him in a Fit, so that I cannot say exactly of what kind they were, but I am of opinion they were of that suffocating or strangling kind, which people of an unhappy passionate temper, and over heated animal spirits are liable to, and which ends often in total madness, an instance of which I know by dreadful experience in my nearest and dearest connexion, my wife. But, Sir, let them be what kind they will they have always been occasioned by his overheating himself, either by the use of ardent spirits, too much exercise, or something Ruffling his temper. I hope, Sir, that the nature of this subject will sufficiently

apologize for my troubling you with so long a letter, especially when I 1792.  
consider myself in duty bound to do everything to relieve the unfortunat April 14th  
& distressed.

I am, Sir, with the greatest Esteem,  
Your most ob't & Hum. Serv't.

## APPLICATION FOR THE PARDON OF A NEGRO SLAVE.

April 16th

To his Excellency, the Governor of Virginia:

Your petitioners humbly shew that Bartlett, a man-slave, the Halifax Co.  
property of James Bruce, about twenty years of age, was condemned to  
be hanged by the court of our county aforesaid, on Monday, the 16th  
instant, for feloniously stealing the value of one pound, nine shillings  
and 3d, and when, as it is conceived by your petitioners, that the said  
Negro man ought to be recommended to mercy on account of this having  
been the first time of his being arraigned, as well as on account of his  
youth and penitential appearance; all which circumstances induce your  
petitioners to hope for a reformation in the said fellow, and to beg a  
reprieve from your Excellency. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray,  
&c., &c., &c.

Michael Roberts, Daniel Wilson, John Boyd, Benjamin Edwards, Will.  
Thompson, John Roberts, H. Dejarnette, John Coleman, Isaac Coles,  
Geo. Carrington, Edm'd King, James Bruce, John B. Scott, David Clarke,  
Bedford Davenport, William Davenport.

Halifax county c't:

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held at Halifax Court House on  
Monday, the 16th day of April, 1792, for the tryal of Bartlett, a negro  
man-slave, the property of James Bruce, committed to the Jail of said  
county on warrant under the hand of William Owen, and charged with  
feloniously breaking and entering the house of Dolly Haskins & stealing  
from there sundry articles to the amount of twenty-nine shillings &  
three pence current money.

Present—John Coleman, Michael Roberts, Edmund King, Daniel Will-  
son, and William Owen, Gents.

The prisoner being led to the Bar in custody of William Terry, Gent.,  
sheriff of the county aforesaid, to whose care & custody for the charge  
aforesaid he was committed, and being arraigned of the premises, plead  
not guilty. Whereupon, Divers witnesses being produced, sworn, and  
examined as well on behalf of the Commonwealth as the prisoner at the  
bar, and the said prisoner being fully heard in his own defence, on  
mature consideration whereof the court are of opinion that the said  
prisoner is guilty of the charge wherewith he stands accused, and that

1792. he ought to suffer death for the same; therefore, he is remanded back to  
 April 16th Jail—there to remain untill Friday, the 10th day of May next. And it  
 is commanded the sheriff that on the day aforesaid he cause the said  
 Bartlett to be taken from the common Jail to the Gallows or place of  
 execution, and between the hours of 12 in the forenoon and 2 o'clk in  
 the afternoon of the same day, he cause the said Bartlett to be hung by  
 the neck until he be Dead, Dead, Dead, & the court doth value the said  
 slave to seventy-three pounds current money.

JOHN COLEMAN.

A copy—Teste:

WILL. THOMPSON, D. C.

April 16th

WILLIAM WALTON TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

His Excellency, H. Lee, and the Honorable the members of the Privy  
 Council:

The Petition of William Walton humbly sheweth, that he was sub-  
 penad as a witness to the Court holden at New London in April, 1791;  
 Thomas Arthur, Def't ads. of Thomas Brumty; that prior to the day of  
 trial the Def't discharged your petitioner from his attendance—he ac-  
 cordingly failed to attend, and as he supposes the reason of his non-  
 attendance was not known to the honorable Court, they proceeded to  
 fine him, unless he shewed cause to the Contrary in September, 1791;  
 that shortly after he was subpenad, & prior to the September court, he  
 removed to the State of Georgia, and the Judgement of the Court became  
 absolute before he made his application, which was in April, 1792, the  
 first Court after he knew a process had issued, & then he was informed  
 his only relief was from your honorable body. He prays, therefore, that  
 your Honors will remit his fine, as he is innocent of the Contempt upon  
 which it was imposed. And he as in duty bound will pray, &c.

WILLIAM WALTON.

April 16th, 1792.

This day William Walton made Oath before me, one of the Common-  
 wealth's Justices of the Peace for the county of Campbell, that the facts  
 stated in the above petition, are true.

THOMAS HUMPHREY, S.

April 16th, 1792.

This day Ambrose Rains also made oath before me, Justice aforesaid,  
 that he heard Thomas Arthur discharge William Walton from attending  
 as a witness in the above suit.

THOMAS HUMPHREY.

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th ulto., I received yesterday, & must beg pardon of your Excellency for not answering sooner your letter dated in February last, requiring my union with the State's Atto. for the district of Staunton, in the prosecution directed against certain collectors of the Revenue in the county of Augusta.

Your Excellency's request leaves me scarcely at liberty to refuse my assistance in the prosecution, and altho' the Dist't Court at Staunton & Prince Edward meet on the same day, (the last of which I practice in,) yet your Excell'y may be assured that I will pay every attention to the Business, & endeavor that the Comm'th shall be retriouted for the injury sustained by these Delinquents.

Mr. Stuart & myself have had communications on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excel'y's mo. ob. & very H'ble Serv't.

GERARD ALEXANDER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO JOHN CRANE, JR.

April 19th

I, Gerard Alexander, foreman of the Jury on the trial of John Crane the younger, for the death of Abr'm Vanhorne, do hereby certify that myself & three more of the Jurors were of opinion that the said John Crane was guilty of manslaughter, and not of wilful murder.

Given under my hand this 19th Day of April, 1792.

Teste:

J. PEYTON, C. W. D. C.

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 19th

Sir,

I have analyzed the accounts respecting the frontier defence for '91. I find the transmission to be 290 D's short of the State's demand, and that this deficiency arises from the disallowance of half a month's pay, &c. to Gen. Scott, and a reduction of the rates of pay allowed by the State to the Militia. The former seems to be Justified by the rolls, as none of them passed the 15th May, 1791, and the Brigadier's charges pay to the 31st, and I suppose the pay-rolls were reduced by a legal official Standard.

Will yo' be pleased, Sir, to direct the information to be given me, of whom the treasurer is to receive the money.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Y'r Ex'y's most ob't serv't.

Auditor's  
office

1792. **MOSES HUNTER AND PHIL. PENDLETON CERTIFY AS TO DOCTOR ROBERT HENRY.**

April 20th

Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., 20th April, 1792.

The within Doctor Robert Henry has been a Practising Physician in this county for upwards of seven years; during all which time he has been esteemed a man of integrity and truth, and of considerable ability in his profession. He has frequently attended my family as Physician, and acquitted himself with considerable approbation. He has also attended many as respectable families as any in this county.

Given under my hand the date above said.

**MOSES HUNTER.**

Doct. Henry has attended my family for several years as a physician, & he has always been esteemed a man of character & eminent in his profession.

**PHIL. PENDLETON.**

April 20th, 1792.

Robert Henry's certificate as to John Crane, Jr., as follows:

I do hereby certify that on the 20th day of November, 1788, I was called to attend Mr. John Crane, Jun'r, son of Mr. James Crane of this County, as a Physician, when I found him labouring under a violent Nervous complaint, attended with great agitation of the whole frame, a considerable degree of Phrensy, and perfectly insensible of his situation. On enquiry, I was informed that he had been in this situation two or three days, but was not informed of his having a fit, the family wishing to keep it a secret, as I was afterwards informed by a particular friend of his, and I do further certify that I attended him afterwards in the same complaint on the 26th of August & 25th of October, in the year 1789; that he always had the same symptoms of phrensy, with this difference that it bordered more on madness & continued longer and more alarming, that it was preceded by a Fit, as the family informed me, and several days elapsed before he came perfectly to his senses, and that I have been informed he has had frequent returns of them since, which were still more alarming than those I attended him in.

Given under my hand this 14th day of April, 1792.

**ROBERT HENRY.**

Berkeley Co., April 14th, 1792.

## EDWARD TIFFIN'S CERTIFICATE AS TO JOHN CRANE, JR.

1792.

This is to certify that I, Edward Tiffin, a practising Physician in Berkeley Co'ty, was called upon on the 24th day of June, 1786, at night, to visit a Mr. John Crane, Jun'r, who had that day been seized with Fits, of what kind I cannot say, as the violence of them was over before I got to him. But I found him perfectly insensible of his situation, and his whole frame in violent agitations. His situation in a great measure resembled a mania while it lasted.

On November the 12th, 1798, I again attended him in a return of the same comp't, which was more violent than the others—from what cause they originated I cannot say; but they have returned at times ever since, & every time I have had opportunity of knowing anything of them, have deprived him of the use of his reason.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of April, 1792.

EDWARD TIFFIN.

Doct'r Edward Tiffin who signs the within, is considered a good man and practices with reputation.

R. RUTHERFORD.

Berkeley Co., 20th April, 1792.

## EDW'D J. POWER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO JOHN CRANE, JR.

April 20th

I do hereby certify that Mr. John Crane, the younger, whom stands charged with the Death of Abraham Vunhorn, has been seized with violent fits, which I am not able to determine; they appeared to be a kind of madness, at which time was under the necessity of calling on my next door neighbours to assist me in keeping him confined, to prevent him from doing injury to himself, untill such time from his hard struggles so weakened him, and his nerves so affected, that he would be very black in the face, followed with a choking that I expected every moment too he his last, tho' still recovered but three or four days before he would come to his natural reason; & when that was obtained he has often mentioned that he did not remember anything of his being disordered, but felt himself very sore, weak, & light-headed.

Given under my hand as keeper of the Public Jail in Winchester, this 20th Day of April, 1792.

Sworn to before me the 20th April, 1792.



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J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

April 20th  
Auditor's  
office

I beg leave to lay before the Hon'ble the Executive, my accounts (No. 1 & 2), for the last half year's expence of sending out notices & Executions against public Delinquents, and I request an order for a warrant to discharge the balance due to the riders p'r account, No. 2; the expence this Spring has been greater than usual, owing to incessant rains and the badness of the roads in every quarter.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Y'r Ex'y's most ob't serv't.

No. 1.

Dr. The Commonwealth of Virginia,  
In ac. with John Pendleton, Cr.:

1791.

Octo.	To Stephen Crouch, carrying notices, -	-	7, 10	0
	To Wm. Gardner, carrying notices, -	-	19, 10	0
	To John Gardner, carrying notices, -	-	16, 10	0
	To John A. Richardson, carrying notices, -	-	15, 0	0
	To John Clark, carrying notices, -	-	12, 6	0
	To Reuben Gardner, carrying notices, -	-	17, 5	0
	To office Expenses p'r account, -	-	2, 0	0
			90, 1	0
	To Balance of acc't rendered 27th Sept'r, -	-	29, 0	6
			119, 9	6
	To Balance due the Commonwealth, -	-	10, 0	1
			£129, 17s,	7d.

1791.

Octo.	By Cash p'r the Treasurer, -	-	70, 0	0
	By Cash received of Sheriffs for notice, &c., -	-	47, 3	4
	By Cash received of Inspectors for notices, -	-	3	6
	By Cash received for notice on specie duty bound, -	-	10	9
	By Cash received for notice on cert. duty Bonds, -	-	2, 1	9
			£129, 17s,	7d.
	By Balance due the Commonwealth, -	-	£10, 0s,	1d.

Aud's office 18th Ap'l, 1792.

J. PENDLETON.

Henrico sc.:

1792.

Personally appeared before me Sam'l Sheperd, & made oath that the above is a Just & true account. April 20th

W. FOUSHEE.

Richmond, 18th April, '92.

No. 2.

Dr. The Commonwealth of Virginia,  
In account with J. Pendleton, Cr.:

1792.

March	To Renben Gardner, carrying notice, &c.,	-	£18,	0s,	0d.
	To John Gardner, carrying notices, &c.,	-	10,	10	0
	To William Timberlake, carrying notices,	-	14,	5	0
	To Stephen Crouch, carrying notice, &c.,	-	23,	5	0
	To Wm. Gardner, carrying notice, &c.,	-	15,	15	0
	To John A. Richardson, carrying notice, &c.,	-	10,	15	0
			100,	10	0
	To Balance due J. Pendleton, -	-	£44,	18s,	10d.
	By Cash p'd the Treasurer, -	-	30,	0	0
	By Cash received of sheriffs for notice,	-	14,	2	2
	By Cash received for notice on duty Bonds, -	-	1,	0	11
			15,	3	1
	By Bal. of account p'r State No. 1, -	-	10,	0	1
			55,	11	2
	By Balance due J. Pendleton, -	-	44,	18	10
			100,	10s,	0d.

Aud'r's office, 18th Ap., 1792.

J. PENDLETON, Aud'r.

Henrico sc.:

Personally appeared before me Sam'l Shepard, and made oath that the above is a Just & true account.

W. FOUSHEE.

Richmond, 18th April, '92.

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THOS. UPSHAW TO THE GOVERNOR.

Hon'bl. Sir,

April 21st  
Chesterfield

I am informed that an appointment for a successor to Mr. Elias Langham, at the Point of Fork, is to take place soon by the honorable executive. I am a candidate for that appointment, being sure that I could officiate in the business as well as any man in the world, as I am conscious I possess my former principles & integrity which conducted me in public life so as to obtain the approbation of a number of great and good Patriots, I have ventured to trouble your excellency once more, (for which my singular situation in life will apologize to a benevolent & Patriotic breast). I should have done myself the pleasure to have waited on each of the Hon'bl. Gentlemen personally, & have produced satisfactory credentials, but am engaged just now in a kind of business I cannot leave, but if I am so lucky as to hear when this is done, I mean to attend. Meantime I shall humbly hope for your approbation to this attempt.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obedient H'ble Servant, &c.

P. S.—I think the above employment would suit me extremely well, & I am certain it might be done for less, consistent too with the dignity of the matter.

April 22d

WM. BLOUNT TO H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR.

Sir,

Knoxville

Mr. Shaw with the Bloody fellow and the other Cherokees who left Philadelphia with him, are within ten miles of this place and will be here in the morning; all well, and have been treated generally with Kindness and civility, and in some places with much attention. They have however been several times alarmed from hearing the observations and threats of fooling unthinking people, who in all probability had no serious intention of carrying their threats into execution.

Eight days past, arrived here three Chicasaws on their way to the President, namely, a fellow called Confidant, of the Mountain Leader. One Thompson, a half breed, the interpreter, and a young fellow accompanied by a son of General Robertson. I have endeavored to convince them that I am sure their nation will shortly receive valuable presents from the United States, and they had best return. They answer that they ordered to proceed to the President by the Mountain Leader, with a letter, and that they must obey. That is the fourth attempt they

have made, and ask why may they not proceed and see the President as well as the Creeks & Cherokees. I believe they will come on, unless I absolutely forbid it, and this I cannot venture to do, unless I knew to a certainty that my plan for a Treaty had been approved. 1792.  
April 2d

On the 5th instant, the wife and three children of Harper Ratcliff, who lived in Hawkins County near the Virginia line, in Stanley valley, were killed by Indians unknown, but supposed to be by the Bench by birth a Cherokee, but for years past attached to the Northern Indians.

I have ordered three companies of the militia into service for three months, two for the protection of the frontiers of Cumberland, and the other for those of Hawkins County. On the 5th instant also, an Indian passing peaceably among the Settlers on French Broad was fired upon by two people. One ball passed through his side and gave him a slight wound. It is supposed to have been done by two sons of James Hubbard, minors, who live with him. This Hubbard is the same who went to the Muscle Shoal with the Tennessee Company. I shall make it my business, if possible, to find out and bring to punishment the persons guilty of this base act. I have written to the wounded Indian and assured him I will make him presents equal to his sufferings, which I hope will prevent any retaliation that would probably have fallen on an innocent person.

John Watts in his visit to the lower towns, spoke very boldly and Warmly against their recent hostilities, and urged them to desist and observe the treaty they had made. It had the effect to induce them to go off to the Shawanese and others who had been hostilely disposed, to declare their determination for peace.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

Your obedient humble Servant.

ALEX. CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 2d

Sir,

I beg leave to unite with the Essex venire and a number of respectable people here, in their petition to your Excellency for the remission of the punishment, to which the law has assigned to the offence of w<sup>ch</sup> two unfortunate youths in the jail of this place, have been found guilty at the present term. The interest which I take in the fate of these miserable boys, whose offence was hardly worthy of the censure of an Individual, much less of the law, will plead in exense of the freedom which I use, and I beg leave to assure your Excellency that tho' I was not present at the Trial, yet every account which I have received from those who were, warrants me to say that the infliction of the punishment to which they must submit, if your interposition shall not save

King &  
Queen

1792. them from it, will be as disgraceful to the public as it will be injurious  
 April 22d to them, and distressing to their friends. Their offence bears the aspect  
 of a boyish trick, rather than of intended crime.

With most perfect Respect, I am, Sir,

Your very Obed. Serv't.

Memday Brown, Humphrey Sale, Thomas Roane, Rich. Noel, Thos. Hill, Benj. Fisher, Wm. Webb, Wm. B. Sale, Wm. Fisher, Leo. Smither, Stephen Johnson, Phil. B. Johnson, John S. Sale, Jr., Lewis Sale, Philip Sale, James Sale, Robert Sale, James Munday, Isaac Lumpkin, Christ Harwood, John Shackelford, Jr., Ro. Pollard, P. Roane, Thomas Roane, A. Bohannon, Ja. B. Hubbard, Crittenden Lane, Francis Gouldman, Richard Gouldman, Anderson Roe.

I believe the boys were imprudent in keeping bad company, but really think they are proper objects of mercy.

WM. GIBSON.

The above are petitioners to the Governor for the remission of the punishment directed to be inflicted upon Alexander and Isaac Hawes; the following is the Petition:

To His Excellency, Henry Lee, Esquire, and the Honorable Council of the State of Virginia—the Petition of sundry persons Humbly sheweth:

We, the subscribers, our names hereunder written, was by virtue of a writ of venire facias recommended to attend the District Court of King & Queen on the 16th day of April, 1792, for the trial of Alexander Hawes & Isaac Hawes, two youths, (the first mentioned about seventeen, the other about fifteen years old), who was impeached of taking a Lamb out of the inclosure of Mrs. Mary Noel—the property of Thomas Noel, the prosecutor.

This matter came on to be heard on the 16th day of April, 1792, before the said court & Jury. It appeared from circumstantial & corroborative proof by several witnesses (to the Jury) that they were guilty of the fact, but not a positive proof of their taking the Lamb.

We, your Petitioners, in tender consideration of the said youths, do most ardently implore your lenity for remittance of punishment that the Law directs to be inflicted on such offenders—hoping that they have seen their error, and is open to conviction for the offence; and we, your Humble Petitioners, begs leave to suggest from their imprisonment they have gone through together with the manifold aspersions that have and will be cast at them, will be a sufficient punishment for the crime.

And further, beg leave to suggest should this Punishment be inflicted on these poor youths, Perhaps they might give themselves up to all

kind of Debauchery—Conceiving themselves to be dead in the eyes of the World, banished from the human species, and lost in the world to come. And this crime perhaps might have been done more tho' a frolick of youth, mixt together with ignorance, than an intentional wrong. Therefore we your Humble Petitioners from the above state of the unhappy affair, do most H'bly pray, &c., &c.

1792.

April 22d

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J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 23d

The Sheriff of Louisa has paid the Principal, Interest, & costs of a Judgement for the Taxes of 1789.

Auditor's office

The following is the Judgement against the sheriff of Louisa :  
Virginia, to-wit:

At a general Court held at the Capital in the City of Richmond, the 18th day of June, 1792, on the motion of the Auditor of public accounts on behalf of the Commonwealth against William Phillips, Sheriff of Louisa County,

This day came as well the Attorney-General as the Def't by his attorney, and the Court having maturely considered the said motion, and now proceeding to render Judgement thereon. It is considered that the Def't forfeit and pay to the Commonwealth seventy-four pounds, twelve shillings, and six pence for failing to return according to law, an execution sued out of this Court on behalf of the Commonwealth, against James Merriweather, also that the Commonwealth recover against the Def't six shillings and two pence for the charge of the notice and the costs of this motion.

Costs 115 lbs. of tob'o at 1½d per lb., & 50s. or 500 lbs. tob.

A copy—Teste:

J. BROWN, C. G. C.

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JOHN SMITH TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 23d

Sir,

Mr. James Crain, the Father of an unfortunate young man of that name, now under sentence of Death in the Jail of Winchester, has solicited my signature to a paper which prays a pardon for his son. As the tenor of this petition imports an intimacy with the younger Mr. Crain, & as I am a stranger even to his person, so I could not attempt to vouch for the truth of assertions to which I was a total stranger. But if the favourable representations of others should in any manner engage the

Frederick  
County

1792. attention of the Executive, to the prayers of a mild & benevolent Father  
 April 23d & those of a mother whose goodness is exceeded by few of her sex; permit me to add those of, Sir,

Your m<sup>t</sup> obed. & Hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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April 23d CERTIFICATE OF BENJAMIN STROTHER AND THOMAS GRIGGS, AS TO JOHN CRANE, JR.

We, Benjamin Strother and Thomas Griggs, two of the Jurors on the trial of John Crane, the younger, for the death of Abraham Vanhorn, were of opinion that the said John Crane was not guilty of willful murder—only manslaughter.

Given under our hands this 23rd Day of April, 1792.

Sworn to before me this day.

WILLIAM LITTLE.

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April 23d ORDER OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY COURT.

King Wil- At a Court held for King Wm. County the 23rd day of April, 1792:  
 liam County Thomas Robinson, Gent., came into court and made oath that he could not procure security according to Law for the Sheriff of this county, which is ordered to be certified.

Teste:

JNO. QUARLES, D. C.

At a Court held for King Wm. County the 23rd day of April, 1792:

A Bond from John Hill, Gent., Sheriff of this County, William Hill, & Joseph Gwathmey to Jaquelin Ambler, Esq., Treasurer of Virginia, was acknowledged by the parties and ordered to be certified.

Teste:

JOHN QUARLES, D. C.

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At a Court continued & held for King Wm. County the 24th day of April, 1792:

On the motion of Thomas Robinson, Gent'n, and for reasons appearing to the Court, time is given him till next Court to give Bond and Security for the office of High Sheriff.

Teste:

JNO. QUARLES, D. C.

GEO LOYALL TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

Mr. Pendleton has directed some executions to be returned, which were put into my hands as Sheriff of Norfolk Borough, against Mr. John Lightfoot and Capt. Wood. I am confident from Mr. Henry B. Lightfoot's assurances, that on the return of Capt. Wood, (who is now on a voyage to Antigua,) the money will be paid. I have the executions with me, and shall act in conformity to your Excellency's directions.

April 23d

I am, Sir,

Y<sup>r</sup> mo. h<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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The following letters were contained in the foregoing:

HENRY B. LIGHTFOOT TO MR. GEORGE LOYALL, NORFOLK.

Sir,

I have received two letters from you upon the subject of Mr. John Lightfoot failing to pay off his Bond to Government. I am much obliged by the indulgence which you have always given Capt. Wood upon this occasion, and I will entreat the favor of you, Sir, to make as favourable a settlement as you can with him, and I will on his return to Virginia enable him through Mr. Robertson to pay off the balance, if it does not amount to a very heavy sum, but in that case I shall request some farther indulgence for him for part. I am induced to undertake this merely to serve Capt. Wood, who represents your kindness with much gratitude. I am a great sufferer by Mr. Jno. Lightfoot and have been otherwise very unfortunate in the total failure of crop here.

I am with great respect, yours.

Antigua, Feb'y 21, 1792.

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GEO. LOYALL TO MR. S. SHEPARD, RICHMOND.

Norfolk, March 26th, 1792.

Sir,

Your letter by Mr. Gardner is Just delivered. You will see by the inclosed (which was rec'd only a day or two ago), the reason for my not writing you on the subject of the Exe'n sooner. Mr. Gardner coincides



1792. with me in opinion that I had better write you before return of the Exe.  
 April 23d and send the letter. I shall attend to your instructions in this business, but there is no chance of getting anything through the channel of old Mr. Lightfoot, of Antigua. I have had a good deal of trouble with this business, and it would be hard for me to lose the comm'n, if any is to be received, and I am satisfied that Mr. Lightfoot, of Antigua, will pay the debt. I shall wait your answer, which I beg may be given to my fr'd, Doctor Currie.

I am with respect, Sir,

Y'r mo. H'ble Serv't.

April 24th

RICHARD COCKE TO THE GOVERNOR.

To His Excellency Henry Lee, Esq., in Council:

Your petitioner purchased of a certain Brazil Hoomes, in the year 1784 or 1785, a military certificate in the name of Wm. P. Quarles, amount £20, & drew the Int. on it until the 1st January, 1786; that the next year when he presented the said certificate to the auditor for the same purpose, he refused to return it to him, alledging that a duplicate had issued to John Ball, of Fauquier County, under a law empowering him to do so. Your petitioner has ever since laid out of the said certificate & Int., & having for some time been at a loss where to apply for relief, am now advised to take this method of laying the circumstances before your Honor, praying that ye will take such measures as will procure him the Justice he is entitled to.

April 26th

WILLIAM JOHNSTON CONVICTED OF FELONY.

At a Court continued and held for the District composed of the counties of Frederick, Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, and Shauando, at Winchester, the 26th day of April, 1792:

William Johnston, late of the parish of Frederick, in the county of Frederick, labourer, who stands convicted of felony, was again led to the bar in custody of the keeper of the District Goal; and thereupon it being demanded of him if anything for himself he had or knew to say why the court here to Judgement and execution against him of and upon the premises should not proceed, he said he had nothing but what he had before said. Therefore it is considered by the court that he be hanged by the neck until he be dead, and that execution of this Judgement be made and done upon the said William Johnston by the Sheriff

of Frederick County on Friday the Eighth day of June next, between 1792.  
the hours of Ten in the forenoon, and Two in the afternoon of the same April 26th  
day, at the usual place of execution.

A copy—Teste:

JOHN PEYTON, C. W. D.

INDICTMENT OF JOHN CRANE, JR.

April 26th

At a Court Continued & held for the District composed of the counties  
of Frederick, Hampshire, Hardy, and Shanando, at Winchester, the 26th  
day of April, 1792:

The Commonwealth against John Crane, the younger, late of the  
parish of Norborne and County of Berkeley, yeoman, Def't, upon an  
adjourned case from this Court to the General Court.

A Copy of the Judgement of the General Court was produced to the  
Court in these words, to-wit:

Virginia, to-wit: At a General Court held in Richmond, November  
21st, 1791.

The Commonwealth against John Crane, the younger, late of the  
parish of Norborne and County of Berkeley, yeoman, Def't, upon an  
adjourned case from the District Court held at Winchester:

This day came as well, the Attorney-General as the Council for the  
said Crane, and thereupon the question of Law arising upon the special  
verdict in the transcript of the record of the said case mentioned, to-  
wit: whether the said Crane be guilty of murder or manslaughter being  
argued, it is the opinion of the Court that the said Crane is guilty of  
murder, which is ordered to be certified to the said District Court.

A Copy—Teste:

J. BROWN, C. G. C.

Whereupon the said John Crane was again led to the bar in custody  
of the keeper of the District Gaol, and thereupon it being demanded of  
him if any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court here  
to Judgement and execution against him of and upon the premises  
should not proceed, he said he had nothing but what he had before said.  
Therefore it is considered by the Court that he be hanged by the neck  
until he be dead, and that execution of this Judgement be made and  
done upon him the said John Crane by the Sheriff of Frederick County  
on Friday, the Eighth day of June next, between the hours of Ten in  
the forenoon and Two in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual  
place of Execution.

A Copy—Teste:

JOHN PEYTON, C. W. C.

1792.

DAVID MULLINS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Honorab! Gentlemen,

April 26th  
Goochland

By the Election of Major Langham as a delegate for the County of Fluvanna, I apprehend his command at the Arsenal in that County will cease of course; and having spent several years of the prime of life in service of my Country; still feel a partiality for that line of business, and should your Excellency and honors be pleased to appoint me as his successor, it should be my chief study to merit your approbation.

I am, Honorab! Gentlemen,

Your most obed't Serv't.

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We, the subscribers, being residents of the same County with Capt. David Mullins, do believe him a man of character and respectable as a Citizen.

Tho. M. Randolph, J. Bolling, Jr., Wm. R. Fleming, Jno. Curd, Edmund Curd, S. Pryor, Gideon ———, John Gray, J. M. Pleasants, Arch'd Perkins, Heath J. Miller, Stephen Ellis, John Guerrants, Archer Pledge, Wm. Sampson, J. Hopkins, Sam'l Richardson.

Capt. David Mullins and myself performed a Tour of duty at the reduction of little York, and from his extraordinary exertions and bravery on that occasion received a Brevet Commission as Lieut. in the Goochland Militia.

Tho. T. Bates, Otho. M. Fleming, Isham Randolph, Geo. Richardson, Howell Lewis.

April 27th

WILLIAM DEAKINS, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Georgetown

Spirited operations are now commencing in the City of Washington, & the Commissioners will now require every shilling they can at present demand from the Donation of your state. Maryland has long since paid up her first Dividend; the next will grow due the first of next January, but her Treasurer has promised to pay a Considerable part next month. In the meantime the balance now due from your state will be very acceptable, & I am sure, Sir, nothing on your part will be wanting to forward this payment through the hands of Mr. Hopkins, as

soon as may be convenient. I have requested Mr. Hopkins to wait on you, to know when he may expect the balance that I may communicate to the Commissioners the state of their Funds. 1792. April 27th

I am with Great Respect, Sir,  
Your Ob't Serv't.

CAPTAIN A. LEWIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 27th

Sir,

My situation in this county has become truly disagreeable, which obliges me to send to your Excellency and the Honorable the Privy Council for farther directions, the men allowed for this place or County is by no means sufficient to guard it, as the Inhabitants wish every person, either for his own Interest or some other persons, wish to have men at every House, and there is not a House in it that is not a Frontier, and by no means less than One hundred and fifty miles in length. I have endeavored as much as in my power to give satisfaction, but find it in vain—nothing but express after express, as well as murmurs is to be seen or heard, because every man has not men at his own House to guard him; conscious of having done my Duty, I disregard their threats. Knowing the manner the county is situated, & how much impossible it is to give general satisfaction, & believe the greatest reason is that the men are not, as well as the officers, under their command. Which, no doubt, will cause complaints to be laid before the Executive, & that without cause, after giving your Excellency a true state of the disposition of my men, you will perhaps approve of it; if otherwise your directions will be perfectly agreeable to me. On my first arrival in this country, I found the people everywhere crying out Danger. After choosing out twenty-five men, I distributed the Ballance amongst them so as to be the most safety to the women and children untill the men could get in there crops. With the twenty-five chosen out, I by & with the advice of the best woodsmen in this country am stationed in the Rye cove, about the centre of the Frontier, & thought to be a place of the most danger and situated in every manner for men to take the advantage of the Enemy, either in coming in any part of the settlement, or going out or going to the relief of either end of the county, if attacked. I found it out of the power of two scouts to act for so extensive a Frontier, and employed two in addition to those allowed to be discharged or continued, as you may direct.

Russell Co.  
Rye Cove

I have agreeable to your Excellency's directions made use of accidental conveyances, but having rec'd no answer, suppose them to have miscarried, and have thought proper to send by Express. On the twenty-fifth of last month, a small station on Sandy was attacked by about

1792. thirty Indians, three men killed and one made Prisoner, & took what  
 April 27th Horses they had and killed all there cattle. About two weeks after the  
 Enemy were gone, I was applied to for to go to their relief, but on  
 enquiry I found the distance to be about a hundred and fifty miles.  
 My scouts were then out, and had no person to pilot us. Altho' they  
 were in Mason County, Kentucky, I would have went and brought in  
 the Families if we had have had Horses. Knowing that the Enemy  
 could not be overtaken, some of the Militia that had Horses went to  
 move them in. About three weeks agoe a woman and two children  
 were killed within seventeen miles of this place in Governor Blunt's  
 Territory, and I believe killed by his own Indians that call themselves  
 Friendly. There has been no mischief yet in this County, only some  
 Horses supposed to stolen by the Enemy out of Powell's Valley. If  
 this summer proves a troublesome one as is generally thought it will,  
 this County by no means can be guarded safely without more men. I  
 think was an ensign's command added to this County from another, or  
 direction that that command should be raised, I will have it done im-  
 mediately, but hope your Excellency will give me directions whether those  
 men are to be kept in one or three bodies, or whether to be scattered in  
 ones and twos at a House, and then not serve one half of those murmur-  
 ing people. If the latter, there is certainly no occasion for an officer;  
 if the enemy was to come in, I could as well go to any County and call  
 upon the Militia as to call upon my own. And another objection is the  
 regard I have for my soldiers, which I beleive be equal to any in the  
 State to there number for an Indian Battle, and would hurt me much  
 if the Enemy came in, to see them killed without being able to make  
 any defence, which would be the case if scattered, as the people here  
 wish. If my opinion is right, would be to have them in three different  
 stations on the Frontier, and to range from station to station once or  
 twice a week, or as the distance would permit, as the whole cannot be  
 supplied with men. None would have reason to complain. Mr. Kent  
 has as yet supplied us well with provisions, but by the scarcity and  
 highness of grain and meat and the distance he has to pack it on horses,  
 am certain he is much loser.

I am with respect,

Your Excellency's mo. ob't Serv't.

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April 28th PETITION OF CITIZENS FOR THE PARDON OF JOHN CRANE, JR.

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia, and the Honorable the  
 Council of state:

The Petition and Statements of sundry inhabitants of the counties of  
 Frederick and Berkeley. Your Petitioners beg leave to express their

concern at the situation of John Crane, Jun'r, who is now confined in the Jail of the District Court holden at Winchester, & under sentence of death, & has already suffered much indeed from a long and painful confinement in a wretched and loathsome prison. 1792. April 28th

Your Petitioners beg leave to state that the said John Crane had heretofore conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the confidence and esteem of those who knew him, and the love and affection of those who were more closely connected with him by habits of intimacy and friendship. That his bodily infirmities had for some time excited the compassion and concern of those to whom they were known; that he had been for some time before this unhappy event, afflicted with periodical fits, which exceedingly disordered his mind and drove him to extravagances to which in his lucid intervals he was a stranger. With regard to the melancholy accident for which he is now in confinement, your Petitioners beg leave to state these peculiar circumstances; that the Jury by whom he was tried, were unable to agree upon their verdict for two whole days, and the greater part of as many nights, making the whole near forty hours; that during all this time they were confined without refreshment of any kind, and were by necessity driven to find the imperfect special verdict upon which the Judgement of the court has been since given; that four or five of that very Jury have ever since their verdict, declared, and still declare that the unfortunate prisoner had not in their opinion been guilty of murder; that upon the adjournment of this special verdict to the General Court for diftently, your Petitioners are informed the court were divided, and even there two of the Judges thought that Judgement out not to be against the Prisoner.

In a case of such diftently and so peculiarly circumstanced, your Petitioners are induced to hope that the merciful interposition of your Excellency and Honor will again restore the unfortunate prisoner to the society of his family and friends in general.

Your Petitioners beg leave to add that the situation of this unhappy man is in itself truly pitiable, but that their consideration and concern are greatly heightened by the distresses of his affectionate wife, and his aged and much respected Parents.

Robert Wood,  
J's Swearingen,  
Dan'l Morgan,  
Ben. Rutherford,  
Sam'l G. Read,  
Griffin Taylor,  
R. Rutherford,  
T. Gam'n Dowdall,  
W. Henshaw,  
John Morrow,

Phil. Pendleton,  
Moses Hunter,  
J. Kem,  
George,  
Wm. Johnyston,  
Abraham Morgan,  
R. McKnight,  
Albert Ragan,  
Wm. Skinner,  
A. Nichols,

1792.	James McDonald,	Alex. Buchanan,
April 28th	William Askew,	Jacob,
	John Drinker,	D. W. Olgamott,
	Edward McGuire,	Dennis Duffield,
	Jno. Conrad,	Robert Douglas,
	Hamilton Cooper,	Nehemiah Gowson,
	Geo. Bell,	Jno. Catlett,
	John Bell,	Griffin Haymen,
	Edward Cary,	Jacob Frost,
	Johnathan Smith,	John Sexton,
	Thos. Throckmorton,	Wm. McCarmick,
	Edward Chapman,	Andrew Frost,
	Jas. Graham,	John McCarmick,
	B. Beeler,	Province McCarmick,
	James Stephenson, (Capt. of a	Thomas Stephens,
	Rifle Camp of Light Troops),	
	Benjamin Berry, Jun'r,	Joseph Gibson,
	Augus McDonald,	Thomas Mulledy,
	R. Daugherty,	B. Clyma,
	J. B. Gillis,	Andrew Laws,
	Chas. Washington,	Thos. Laws,
	John Bryan,	George Sennally,
	Rich'd Barnhouse,	Jas. Bell,
	Rich'd Montgame,	David Dungan,
	John Dinmitt,	George Tate,
	Fred. Wm. Rice,	William Blue,
	James Reiley,	John Smith,
	Bryon Stonam,	Thos. McCormick,
	John Colbett,	Dr. Chas. Waterhouse,
	William Sadler,	Mandly Taylor, Jr.,
	John Tate,	Rich'd Blanton,
	Francis McCarmick,	Joseph Brock, Capt. 3rd Reg't U.
		S. T.,
	John Campbell,	James Glenholmes,
	Sam'l Sadler,	F. N. Cunningham,
	Andrew McCarmick,	L. D. Peddicord, D. cl'k,
	Alexander Russell,	Thos. Whitaker,
	Patrick Laggert,	Wm. Allen,
	James Simvall,	Thos. Lee,
	Rich. Willis,	Thos. Swearingen,
	Giles Cooke, Jr.,	Garland Moore,
	Wm. Slaughter,	Martin Gaunt,

John Lathells,	Thos. Rutherford,	1792.
Thos. Campbell, (one of the witnesses against the Prisoner),	George Rieley,	April 28th
Edward McCormick,	Uriah Blue,	
Go. Cunningham,	Wm. Talkert,	
Wm. Holmes,	Jas. Kinney,	
Meredith Helm,	Peter Martin,	
Barnet Williams,	William Cherry,	
Samuel Kercheval,	William Little,	
Daniel Miller,	John Hayme,	
James Ash,	William Graham,	
John Brady,	James Gill,	
Cornelius,	Edward Chinn Christian,	
Samuel Finney,	Wm. Bond,	
N. Chinn,	John Cook,	
Thos. Edmondson,	Giles Cooke,	
Sam'l Edmondson,	Rich'd Baylor,	
Henry Bartlett,	Geo. Smallwood,	

Berkeley County:

I certify that I have been acquainted with John Crane, Jun'r, the prisoner in question, from his youth; since which time, & especially after his manhood, I have known him to be a kind friend and a Hospitable neighbour. I have also known him to be excessively derang'd by passion, & which I have frequently heard he could not govern on account of fits or some nervous affectious.

CATO MOORE.

Ap'l 20th, 1792.

WM. DAVIES TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

April 28th

Sir,

The return from Col. Harvie's office of the amount of land granted to the Military, which had been formerly in the possession of the Virginia Delegates, cannot be obtained as a voucher. It will therefore be necessary to procure from him an account of it, which your Excellency will oblige me by forwarding as early as possible. I find it wholly impracticable to compleat the statement of our account by the first of July, without the additional employ of an indefinite number of clerks till that period, and as the time will not admit of delay, I shall not wait to hear from you from the Conviction that it is your wish as well as my duty to have the business done right.

Philadelphia



1792. I know not whether there is any thing among the Acts of Assembly  
 April 28th that relates to my business. I shall be glad however, that the Clerk of  
 the Council might be directed to send by some private conveyance a  
 copy of the Acts & Journal of last session.

I have the honor to be, Sir, most respectfully,  
 Your Excellency's very humble Servant.

April 28th List of Warrants (except Interest) issued by the auditor from the 16  
 February to 20 March, inclusive:

Contingent:

16 Feb., '92.	Commissioner Davies, - - -	£158, 15s, 0d.
20	Arch'd Blair, - - -	25, 0 0
20	Jane West, - - -	3, 0 0
25	Jacob Wheaton, - - -	5, 8 0
29	Dabney Minor, - - -	4, 11 9
3 M'rch,	Joseph Laplong, - - -	2, 8 0
3	McCall & Cunleff, - - -	3, 15 0

Foreign Creditors:

16 Feb., '92.	S. A. Pauley, - - -	19, 17 0
13 M'rch,	De Costa & brothers, - - -	113, 12 0
	Ditto., - - -	10, 5 0
6	Ditto., - - -	100, 9 5

Personal Acc'ts:

16 Feb., '92.	Capt's Lewis & Preston, - - -	345, 0 0
	Joseph Kent, - - -	125, 0 0
1 M'rch,	Mons'r Tabauf, - - -	600, 0 0
10	J. Pendleton, - - -	30, 0 0
15	Rob't Tomlin, - - -	29, 10 11
	Ditto., - - -	7, 19 7
20	J. Carter, Jr., - - -	15, 0 0

Criminal Charges:

21 Feb., '92.	David Alexander, - - -	3, 13 6
	David Alexander, - - -	1, 1 6
	Ditto., - - -	12 6
	Wm. Lamb, - - -	1, 12 6
	John Lamb, - - -	1, 12 6
12 M'rch, '92.	Littlebury Peason, - - -	18 3
14	James Randle, - - -	18 3
17	Joseph Peirce, - - -	8 9

20 M'rch	'92. Sterling C. Thornton,	-	-	-	1,	8	9	1792.
	Peter Le Grand & others,	-	-	-	16,	7	6	April 28th
2	Hen. Morriss,	-	-	-	-	12	6	
9	Jos. Terry,	-	-	-	-	4,	7	6

## Offs. of Government:

23 Feb.,	'92. Rich. Bland,	-	-	-	-	10	10	
13 M'rch,	Judge Fleming,	-	-	-	-	25	0	
14	Geo. Nicholas,	-	-	-	-	37	10	
17	Isaac Younghusband,	-	-	-	-	15	12	
	Ditto.,	-	-	-	-	28	0	

## Exp. of repres'n:

23 Feb.,	'92. John Singleton,	-	-	-	-	1	5	
28	Peter Hansborough,	-	-	-	-	1	5	
12 March,	James Fox,	-	-	-	-	1	7	

## Gen'l Apc. of Taxes:

1 M'rch,	'92. Thomas B. Dawson,	-	-	-	-	6	3	
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## Arsenal:

6 Mar.,	'92. Tunstall Quarles,	-	-	-	-	48	6	
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## General Fund:

6 Mar.,	'92. John Upshaw,	-	-	-	-	56,	2	10
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## Aggregate:

10 Mar.,	'92. Walter Hopkins,	-	-	-	-	214,	4	8
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## Pensioners:

12 Mar.,	'92. Jos. Scott,	-	-	-	-	72,	0	0
13 "	" John Scurry,	-	-	-	-	17,	6	8

## Public Warehouse:

13 Mar.,	'92. Wm. McKenzie,	-	-	-	-	7,	16	6
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Examined by—

J. PENDLETON, Aud'r.

Aud'r's Office, March 20, 1792.

Compared and found to agree with the vouchers in the auditor's office.

J. H. BRIGGS.

1792. List of Warrants issued by the Anditor from 21 March to 30 April, except for Interest:

Criminal Charges:

April 30th	21 M'rch, '92.	John Hitchcock, -	-	-	-	£1, 6s, 0d.
	23	Jesse Wilkinson, -	-	-	-	2, 4 3
	28	Geo. Owen, -	-	-	-	1, 13 0
	4 Ap'l,	Fred'k Taylor, -	-	-	-	1, 7 8
		Jas. & Geo. Thweatt, -	-	-	-	2, 0 6
		Mark Farmer & als., -	-	-	-	43, 14 8
		Robert Turnbull, -	-	-	-	8, 10 9
		John Foster, -	-	-	-	6, 14 3
		Wm. Moseley, -	-	-	-	27, 7 0
	5	John Campbell, -	-	-	-	1, 1 3
	7	Rob't Turnbull, -	-	-	-	1, 6 6
	16	Wm. Rose, -	-	-	-	46, 3 8
		Zena Tate & als., -	-	-	-	6, 6 0
		Jas. McCaughey, -	-	-	-	5, 2 6
		Mich. Grantland & als., -	-	-	-	3, 1 6
	17	Sam'l Mosby, -	-	-	-	6 3
		Fortunauts Sydnor, -	-	-	-	2, 10 0
	18	Colin Campbell, -	-	-	-	15, 14 4
		Charles Graves & others, -	-	-	-	2, 2 0
	21	Charles Turnbull, -	-	-	-	1, 1 0
		Hipkins Pitman, -	-	-	-	1, 2 3
	24	Edm'd Read & others, -	-	-	-	21, 17 5
		James Taylor, -	-	-	-	22, 3 0
		Thos. A. Taylor, -	-	-	-	15 0
	27	Hen. Spell, -	-	-	-	1, 4 0

Exp. representation:

21 Mar., '92.	John Witherburn,	-	-	-	1, 0 0
11 April,	Wm. Hubbard, -	-	-	-	1, 6 0
13	Tunstall Quarles, -	-	-	-	1, 2 6

Personal Ac.:

22 March '92.	Jas. Hornsby, -	-	-	-	200, 0 0
23	Harry Heth, -	-	-	-	201, 10 7
2 April,	John Barnard, -	-	-	-	48, 12 2
3	Harry Heth, -	-	-	-	2,602, 10 6
12	John Gray, -	-	-	-	2, 7 6
17	Jos. Hornsby, -	-	-	-	200, 0 0

Directors Pub. Builds.:							1792.
28 Mar., '92.	Dabney Minor,	-	-	-	131, 16	3	April 30th
4 April,	Samuel Swann,	-	-	-	16, 11	2	
	Moses Austin & Co.,	-	-	-	135, 0	0	
	James Carney,	-	-	-	21, 4	10	

Contingent:

22 March	'92. Hesalar & Cook,	-	-	-	17 6
31	Wyatt Coleman,	-	-	-	7, 10 0
6 Ap'l,	James Kind,	-	-	-	3, 4 6
14	Augus. Davis,	-	-	-	7, 14 10
16	Jas. Liplong,	-	-	-	6, 0 0
	Jas. Clark,	-	-	-	3, 0 0
18	Ed. B. Lacy,	-	-	-	1, 14 0
19	Wm. Davies,	-	-	-	160, 0 0
20	J. Pendleton,	-	-	-	44, 18 10
24	Wm. Clough,	-	-	-	1 6
27 M'rch,	Jas. Wood, Esq.,	-	-	-	14 0

Scouts & Rangers:

24 M'rch,	Geo. Clendinen & oth's,	-	-	-	206 10
13 Ap'l,	Geo. Ballard,	-	-	-	3 0
	Jere. Gullier,	-	-	-	3 0

Officers of Gov't:

23 March,	Rowland Thomas,	-	-	-	2 5
26	Judge Tyler,	-	-	-	25 0
31	Sam'l Coleman,	-	-	-	50 0
	Councillor Wood,	-	-	-	62 10
	" Steele,	-	-	-	62 10
	" Selden,	-	-	-	62 10
	" Dawson,	-	-	-	62 10
	" Goode,	-	-	-	62 10
	" Burnley,	-	-	-	62 10
	" McClurg,	-	-	-	62 10
	" Briggs,	-	-	-	62 10
	Arch'd Blair,	-	-	-	37 10
	The Governour,	-	-	-	200 0
	Judge Pendleton,	-	-	-	75 0
	Judge Lyons,	-	-	-	75 0
	" Carrington,	-	-	-	75 0
	" Mercer,	-	-	-	75 0
	" Tyler,	-	-	-	75 0
	" Nelson,	-	-	-	75, 0 0

1792.	31 M'rch '92.	Judge Winston,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
April 30th		" Parker,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		" Tucker,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		" Fleming,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		" Prentis,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		" Tazewell,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		" Roane,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		" Jones,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		Chancellor Wythe,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		James Innes, Esq.,	-	-	-	-	50,	0	0
		Jac. Ambler,	-	-	-	-	125,	0	0
		Edw'd B. Lucy,	-	-	-	-	37,	10	0
		Hans. Heitman,	-	-	-	-	37,	10	0
		John Carter,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
		Sam'l Shepard,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
		Basil Wood,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
		Matt. Pate,	-	-	-	-	10,	0	0
		Mrs. Curling,	-	-	-	-	6,	0	0
		P. Clayton,	-	-	-	-	37,	10	0
		Wm. Berkeley,	-	-	-	-	20,	16	8
		Wm. Rose,	-	-	-	-	6,	5	0
	2 Ap'l,	Aug's Davies,	-	-	-	-	162,	10	0
	3	Matt. Moody,	-	-	-	-	21,	12	0
	4	Judge Nelson,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
	5	Judge Tucker,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
	6	Judge Tazewell,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
	10	Judge Prentis,	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
	16	Wm. Rose,	-	-	-	-	12,	0	0
	16	Anth. Robinson,	-	-	-	-	1,	5	0
	18	Judge Tazewell,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		John Pendleton,	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
		Colin Campbell,	-	-	-	-	10,	0	0

## Gen'l Ac. of Revenue:

27 M'rch,	'92.	Wm. Eley,	-	-	-	-	24,	12	0
28		John Baird,	-	-	-	-	18,	0	0
23 Ap'l,		Jas. B. Dickinson,	-	-	-	-	18,	18	0

## Public Warehouses:

28 M'rch,	'92.	Wilson Nicholas,	-	-	-	-	37,	14	8
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## Arsenal:

E. Langham,	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,	14	2
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Wolfe's Heads:						1792.
24 Ap'l,	'92.	Phil. Osborne,	-	-	-	12 6 April 30th
		Rips. Osborne,	-	-	-	18 9
		Do., Do.,	-	-	-	12 6

J. PENDLETON, Aud'r.

Aud'r's office, 4 May, 1792.

Aug. 17th, 1792.

Compared and found to agree with the vouchers in the office of the Auditor.

J. H. BRIGGS.

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J. PEYTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

April 30th

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you on the part of John Crane, Winchester an unfortunate young man now confined in our Goal under sentence of death, whose case you have long ere this been informed of. As his peculiar situation with every minute circumstance attending the unhappy affair will be fully laid before the Executive, there remains little for me to add but to discover my disposition. Should it contribute any thing on his behalf, I shall be happy.

At the time of the young man's trial, the passions and prejudices of the people ran very high against him. This disposition has subsided, and mercy seems now on all hands to have taken place thereof. That the Jurors upon his trial were much divided in their opinion with respect to the matter of the crime, is inevitable, and I am apprehensive that those in his favor were induced to acquiesce, being two days confined on the business under a full persuasion that it would finally be determined to be manslaughter only. Certain I am, that the crime with which he stands convicted is of so horrible a nature that mercy has seldom interposed, yet taking a view of every circumstance in the present case, I am induced to hope that it will be one of those few instances. This I am conscious would gratify the wishes of many respectable citizens of this County, and would not only restore to the community a member once thought to be useful, but to an amiable woman, and ancient and respectable parents, a husband and son. Fully relying that Justice in mercy, which has ever characterized the Executive of Virginia, will be administered on this occasion,

I have the honor to be with the most perfect respect, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

1792.

## EDWARD POWERS' CERTIFICATE.

April 30th

Frederick County, Winchester, Ap'l 30th, 1792.

I do hereby certify as keeper of the publick Jail, that John Craine, the younger, now under sentence of Death for the murder of Abraham Vanhorn, has ever since been committed to this Jail, behaved himself as an honest well disposed man, except when he is afflicted with fits, at which time he would loose his reason for some time. Many reports has been propagated to his prejudices since the said prisoner has been in my custody which I must say is fables.

Given under my hand the day & date above written.

EDWARD POWERS.

Witness to Edw'd Powers executing the above certificate,

J. PEYTON.

April 30th

## JOHN WILSON'S ORPHANS.

Culpeper County, to-wit:

April Court, 1792.

It appearing to the Court that a warrant issued the 18th day of October, 1787, allowing John Willson and Frances J. Willson, (orphans of John Willson, who was a Lieutenant in the 4th Virginia Regiment, & who was killed in the service of the United States), Twenty pounds p'r ann. Jointly to Commence from the first day of January, 1787, and it also appearing by the testimony of George Eastham, Guardian to the said orphans, that they nor no person for them have ever made application to this court for their allowance, or received any part thereof; altho' they were residents of this county, because he the said Eastham was an inhabitant of Fauquier county, and did not know what were the necessary proceedings. It also appeared from the same testimony that the said orphans are now of age, and able to procure their own living, but that they heretofore have been in very indigent circumstances.

Which is ordered to be certified.

Copy—Teste:

JOHN JAMESON, Clk C. Court.

May 1st

## WILLIAM LOWTHER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Clarksburg

I have thought proper to accept of the Commission you were pleased to honor me with, (viz): Captain of the Company of Rangers for the

counties of Harrison & Randolph, & have accordingly enlisted the full complement of men. But the scarcity & consequently the dearth of provisions, I really fear will oblige me to discharge them. I perceive they cannot be found at any rate for the 8 cents. I have agreeably to your directions, fixed at the mouth of the Little Kanawha 12 men, & there was no alternative but either bringing them back or promise 74d. per Ration at my own risque—the latter I ventured to do, hoping your Excellency's influence will reimburse me. To dismiss the company would in my opinion expose the country to horrid devastation & ravages; for the Savages have not discovered more evident signs of hostile intentions this several years, than they have already this Spring. Therefore, I hope you will take our case into your serious deliberation, & Grant us all the aid the powers vested in you will Justify. I doubt not you will receive letters from all the counties that are exposed to the same purport.

1792.

May 1st

I am, Sir, with due respect,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble serv't.

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PETITION.

May 2d

To the Hon'ble Henry Tazewell & William Nelson, Esquires, Judges of the General Court sitting in the District of Richmond: Clarksburg

The Petition of Henry Anderson & Francis Anderson in behalf of their Brother Ralph Crawford Anderson, Humbly sheweth that the said Ralph Crawford hath been thro' the course of his life subject to frequent interruptions of his reason, and this in such manner, that persons not well acquainted with him or attentive to his conduct could not readily discover the infirmity: so that he hath been considered by many as possessing a greater degree of sound mind than he hath in truth enjoyed, a circumstance which can be most satisfactorily attested by those who are well and intimately acquainted with him, as well as his humanity and peaceable deportment. When free from those distressing visitations, which not happening at stated periods or preceded by any sensible warnings. Neither himself or his friends could attempt or adopt any means of providing against their painful & sad effects. This unhappy man hath been tried & a verdict hath passed against him for the murder of one William Green, towards whom he bore no resentment in times past, nor with whom he had any previous quarrel; nor can your petitioners or any other persons account for the cause of this sad disaster, if it happened by the hands of the said Ralph Crawford Anderson, that the infirmity of his mind hath been made evident. Your petitioners trust they can safely appeal to you, Sirs, who sat as his



1792. Judges, and by whose sentence he must undergo a painful & ignominious  
May 21 death, unless saved therefrom by the interposition of that mercy, which  
it is within your power to secure to him; An act which your petitioners  
hope will be found to consist with your own humanity, and not incon-  
sistent even with the rigid demands of Justice, and which they have  
reasons to believe will be grateful to his fellow-citizens for the inter-  
position your petitioners are humble supplicants to your Honors, And  
as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

HENRY ANDERSON.  
FRANCIS ANDERSON.

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PETITION.

To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable members of the  
Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Petition of Henry Anderson & Francis Anderson and of other Citizens of this Commonwealth in behalf of Ralph Crawforth Anderson, Humbly sheweth that the said Ralph Crawforth Anderson hath been tried at the present session of the District Court held in the City of Richmond on a charge of having murdered one William Green, and a verdict hath passed against him. Your petitions do not presume to impeach the Justice of a verdict, which hath passed upon the oaths of twelve men, but they humbly beg leave to state a fact, which they conceive might have militated in his favor on the trial by the Jury, and have saved him from the severe and dreadful sentence, which may now be pronounced upon him. From the earliest period of his life, the said Ralph Crawforth Anderson hath been subject to frequent interruptions, & at some times a deprivation of his reason, and tho' these distressing visitations have not happened at stated or regular periods, yet their return hath not been the less certain; and in the intervals of uninterrupted reason which he hath enjoyed, the misery of his condition hath been rather increased than abated by the certainty of a return of a calamity, which proceeding from the will of the Almighty, it hath not been in his power to avert. Of the truth of this assertion, your petitioners declare that undoubted testimony can be produced, and they humbly hope that your Excellency & Honors, to whom is given the great & glorious power of shewing mercy to those whom the rigour of the laws may doom to death, will think it not improperly exerted in favor of one whom God hath been pleased to afflict by a depreciation of that blessing, which constitutes, when enjoyed without interruption, the highest felicity of human life. This favor your petitioners Henry Anderson & Francis Anderson, who are brothers to the unfortunate

Ralph Crawforth Anderson, & your other petitioners who are his fellow Citizens, sollicit for, and are willing to receive under such restrictions, with respect to the unfortunate object of their application, as may effectually provide against any further injury to others from him, & save him from the horrors of an ignominious & painful death, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

1792.  
May 2d

Mathew Robertson,	Thomas Burton,
John Morriss,	Jno. Worsham,
George Scott,	Peter Dupuy,
John M. Chau,	Daniel Mays,
Edward Wilkinson,	Henry Anderson,
Richard Borum,	Jessce Cogbill,
John Townes, Sr.,	John Pride,
Thomas Scott,	Achilles Forster,
James Gowns, Jr.,	John Crowder,
Peter Stern,	Jesse Hillsman,
Thomas Daves,	Peter Jones,
Jno. Hill Craddock,	James Vaughan,
Robert Basley,	William Ford,
William Burton,	Richard Foster,
Bartley Hatchett,	James Winfree,
Arth. J. Webster,	Edward Goode,
John C. Cobbs,	James Moody,
Wm. Ponton,	Jno. Pride Chesterf'd,
	his
Ben. Ward,	Jacob X Brintle,
	mark
Richard Covington, Jr.,	Rob't Nunnaly,
Thos. Purkinson,	Daniel Vaden,
Thos. Danby,	Peter Franklin,
Thompson Scott,	Henry H. Watkins,
Joseph Vaden,	John Fowler, Sen'r,
Thos. Brannon,	Henry Talbott,
Rich'd Baugh,	John Archer,
Arch'd Walthall,	Wm. Fonclue,
Daniel Man,	Frances Goode,
James Hodges,	James Scott,
William Renolet,	Seth. Ward,
E. G. Froth,	John Markham,
Jacob Roberts,	A. C. Randolph,
John Foster,	Rich'd Townes,
Joshua Chaffin,	George Evans,

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May 2d

John Marshall,	Henry Branch,
John Destrayor,	Thos. Goode,
John Pride, Jr.,	Frances False,
Charles Craddock,	Thos. Womack,
Wm. Grunhill,	Mark Noble,
Edw'd Friend, Jr.,	Jno. Deaton,
Thos. Friend,	William Turner,
John Hill,	A. Baugh,
Henry Beazley,	Joseph Wilkinson,
Henry Booles,	Joshua Smithery,
Abraham Dnnnefont,	Charles Burton,
William Bass,	Wm. Ware,
Peter Pride,	Benj'n Osborne,
Peter Bass,	Thomas Batte,
J's C. Skelton,	Thomas Pollard,
Baldwin Pearce,	Thomas Akin,
John Coates,	Edw'd Branch,
Wm. Branch,	Archar'd Walthall,
Eszekiel Jackson,	William Reade,
Edw. Scott,	Henry Turpin,
Mack Wilkinson,	John Varnier,
Sam'l Wilkinson,	John Martin,
Thos. Dornilly,	Steven Gill,
Allison Clarke,	Samuel Budd,
John Jones,	Zac. Burrell,
James F. Foise,	Thos. Budd, Sen'r,
William Fendley,	James Farguson,
William Bragg,	R. Haskins, Jr.,
Rich'd Covington,	Sam'l Farmer,
Wm. Elam,	Little Berry Traylor,
Edw'd Branch, Sen'r,	William Gibbs,
Aaron Farguson,	John Cogbill,
James Ealam,	Richard Burton,
Thomas Harris,	Thos. Aug <sup>st</sup> Taylor,
Rob't Haskins,	A. Bass,
Francis Lockett,	Drury Willson,
John Covington,	Henry Archer,
Thos. Clayton,	John Clayton,
Lennard Nunnally,	John Belcher,
Robert Elam,	Thos. Clayton, Jr.,
John Bawn,	William Blankenship,
Seth Chalkley,	John Bolling,

Jery Smith,  
Philip Cogbill,  
Benj'n Smith,  
Thomas Dove,  
John Ponton,

Edward Hatcher,  
Peterf'd Edwards,  
George Cogbill,  
Abraham Burton,  
James Baugh.

1792.  
May 2d

To the Governor and Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

May 2d

The Petition of Ralph C. Anderson and others, whose names are hereto subscribed, Humbly Sheweth, That—

“Many and sharp the numerous ills  
Inwoven with our frame!  
More pointed still we make ourselves  
Regret, Remorse, and Shame;  
And man, whose heaven erected Face,  
The smiles of Love adorn—  
‘Man’s inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn.’ ”

And who will rejoice in the Death of a Sinner?  
Not him who giveth you to those who look up to Superior Excellence.

Shew pity, Hal, oh, Hal forgive!  
Let a repenting Sinner live.  
Are not thy mercies large and free?  
Oh, spare poor ——, a man like thee!

This is the first instance that a Governor of Virginia was ever addressed in Doggeral verse in behalf of a patibulary mortal. Singular as the circumstance may be, Listen to a relative of Washington:

That Ralph Anderson was sentenced to die by the District Court of Richmond, at their last term, upon a charge of murder. After this, the only hope of himself, his family, his friends, and connexions, is in the mercy of the Executive, a power wisely reserved to them in order to moderate the rigid severity of the law.

Your Petitioners represent that the unhappy subject of their petition from a variety of circumstances known to them, was insane, and as they believe incapable of acting from motives of malice for near Eight days before the unhappy accident. They say *unhappy accident*, because the Heart was not concerned in it, and to constitute murder there must not only be intention, but malicious intention.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray:

Wm. J. King,

J. Pendleton,

1792.	John Tucker,	Wm. Williams, (provided he was insane),
May 2d	Mary Banks,	Roscow Leigh,
	Wm. Finnie,	Jno. Greenhow,
	Wm. Claiborne,	Sam'l Greenhow,
	Wm. Baker,	Jno. Hopkins, (in consequence of favorable circumstances which were mentioned to him from good authority the day after the trial),
	Eben McNair,	Tho. H. Drew, for Mr. Hopkins,
	Rich'd Barbour,	Alexander Rose,
	Jan. Furman,	Edward Trent,
	John Thompson,	John Jameson, (in consequence of what he has heard from those that he can confide in),
	Jos. Mayo, Jr.,	J. Robinson,
	Benjamin Francis,	Henry Toler, Jr.,
	T. Tybee,	Peter Lyons, Jr.,
	Edmund Thomas,	Lewis Webb,
	J. M. Galt,	Alice Marshall,
	Fred'k Argyle,	Sally Macon,
	Peter Tinsley,	Elizabeth Maison,
	J. K. Read,	Mary Gilliatt,
	Sam. J. Johnson,	Mary Winston,
	A. C. Randolph,	Judith Mitchell,
	Manuel Judah,	Isabella Foushee,
	Peterfield Trent,	Eliza J. Brent,
	Amelia Trent,	Mary Peebles,
	Sarah Booth,	A. Mayo,
	Sarah Boyce,	Eliza Greenhow,
	Fras. Claiborne,	Celia Thomas,
	Mary Yunghusband,	Lucy Butler,
	Philip MacRae,	Ann Pickett,
	Christ'r MacRae,	Mariah Marshall,
	Samuel Dixon,	Eliza Coston,
	Thomas Butler,	Judith F. Webb,
	John D. Blair, (provided he was insane, or if not that, he appear penitent),	Alice Lenox,
	W. Waddill,	Emelia Harvie,
	Eldridge Harris,	Frances Trent,

Zach. Rowland,	Lucy Duval,	1792.
Ja. Vaughan,	Patsy Winston,	May 2d
Joseph Boyce,	Anne Duval,	
Peterfield Trent Minor,	Peggy Winston,	
Pleasant Younghusband, (pro- vided he was insane or ap- pears penitent),	Polly Davis,	
Geddis Winston,	Robert Pollard,	
Geo. Pickett,	Nathaniel Gregory,	
— Allegre,	Mary Ann C. Gregory,	
Lucy Winston,	Rob. Allen, (for the reasons as- signed by J. H.),	
Lucy Ambler,	Peter Younghusband,	
Esther C. Aken,	Allen Bremond,	
Annie Pope,	Clotworthy Stephenson, directed to have his name signed,	
Mary Webb,	Edm'd Grady,	
Susan Pope,	John Courtney,	
Anne Ambler,	Ann Wilhemina Waddill,	
E. P. Lyons,	T. B. Clausel,	
L. L. Hopkins,	John Tinsley, Jr.,	
Lucy Campbell,	Aug. Davis,	
Sarah Hylton,	Mary Seaton,	
Sally Fitzlugh,	Aug. Seaton,	
Elizabeth Hylton,	Angus H. Seaton,	
Lucy Heth,	Charlotte Howard,	
Jane Courtney,	Eliza T. Burnley,	
Rachel Courtney,	Philadelphia Dunscomb,	
Elizabeth Courtney,	Sally Goode,	
Rowland Thomas,	Margaret Pickett,	
Anne Duval,	Polly Duval,	
Rich'd Clausel,	Ann Currie,	
Hen. T. Clay,	Rebecca Aitchison,	
John Porter,	Sally Cocke,	
Sam'l Crutchfield,	Rose Ambler,	
William Sharp,	Mary Blair,	
James Quarles,	Alice G. Burwell,	
Hannah Baylor,	Ann Blair,	
Samuel Chilton,	Joel Pollard,	
M. Harvie,	C. Copland,	
Lucy Hopkins,	W. Warren,	
Lucy Hylton,	Suky McAtton,	

1792. May 2d	Mary Barret,	Edm'd Pendleton, (upon a supposition that the fact of Insanity be ascertained, & the community secured from future damage),
	Anne Barnerd,	Wm. Allen, (from circumstances satisfactory that he was Insane),
	Sam'l Bell,	Jane Allen, (for same),
	C. Lewis,	George Kingston, (from the information he has received as to his insanity),
	J. Street,	Wm. Duvat, (for the reason above mentioned),
	Robert H. Rose,	George Eastham,
	James B. Southall,	F. Walker,
	T. Pope,	Elizi. McCraw,
	Sam'l McCraw, (because from every information which I have rec'd, I believe him to be Insane).	

May 2d JUDGES HENRY TAZEWEILL AND WILLIAM NELSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond, April 13th, 1792.

Sir,

You will receive enclosed a copy of the Judgement passed at the late District Court held by us in Richmond, against Ralph Crawforth Anderson for murder. The Testimony upon which this Judgement was founded, altho' entirely circumstantial, induced a strong belief that the accused was the author, of the fact for which he was indicted, yet no previous quarrel that we could discover existed between the deceased and the person condemned. They appeared on the contrary, to have lived upon terms of intimacy and friendship, and the motives leading to the commission of the Act is yet unknown to us. The state of the Prisoner's mind was offered to the Court and Jury as an apology for his conduct, and some testimony as to his insanity was examined, but it was not considered as sufficient in the opinion of either. Since the Judgement, several papers on that subject have been sent to us. We now take the liberty to enclose them to your Excellency. If they can produce any effect in favour of the unhappy object they concern, it must flow from the Executive. Our power over the subject is at an end, yet perhaps it is proper for us to observe that if the fact for which the accused stands condemned had appeared to have been committed by him when in a state of insanity, it would have prevented his condem-

nation; and if it should so appear to you now, or hereafter, it will doubtless have the same influence in exciting the interposition of your Excellency & the Council, as it would have had in demanding ours at an earlier period. During the same session of the District Court in Richmond, William Cheetwood, of the County of Powhatan was brought to his tryal for Arson, in burning the public Jail of that County. The Testimony given against him was amply sufficient for his conviction, and the Jury accordingly found a verdict ag't him. But a doubt arising with the Court whether the offence with which he was charged, in the manner it was charged, could affect his life, the subject was adjourned to the General Court for the consideration of all the Judges. This young man is described to be of a fair character, to possess a weak mind, if he is not at some times totally deprived of reason; and to have been governed by no vicious motives in the perpetration of the Act, for which he has been convicted. The venire who sat upon his tryal, immediately after rendering their verdict against him, delivered us the inclosed petition, & if we had possessed the power of pardon, we upon this occasion should have exercised it. We therefore recommend to you this young man as a fit object of mercy. If you & the Council should think there is no impropriety in granting your pardon to Cheetwood before his condemnation, it would release him from a severe imprisonment, and be productive of no inconvenience in the proceedings of the Court.

We have the honor to be,

With every sentiment of respect and esteem,

Your mo. ob't Serv'ts.

Enclosed in the above papers were numerous affidavits as to the insanity of Mr. Anderson, and petitions for his pardon.

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April 4th, 1792.

We of the venire in the case of the Commonwealth against William Cheatwood, having found him guilty of the crime with which he was charged, do nevertheless consider it us our duty from the circumstances of the case, most earnestly to recommend him to mercy.

With great respect, we are,

Y'r mo. ob. Servants,

JOHN POWALL,  
EDWARD MCGILEY,  
EDWARD WATKINS,  
GEO. BEDFORD,



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ARTHUR BRANCH,  
THOS. GOODE,  
RICH MORTON,  
JOSIAH SMITH,  
WALTER DAVIS,  
FRANCIS LEWIS,  
JNO. SWANN,  
SAM'L H. SAUNDERS.

To the Honorable Judge Tazewell & Judge Nelson.

Amelia, April 23d, 1792.

About the year 1772, untill the year 1786, I lived within sight of Ralph Crawford Anderson, & was very frequently with him during that term of time, and do believe that in all my intercourse with him, I never saw him three hours together, but he frequently appeared so dejected, that he has told me that he could not attend to what I was speaking to him. I never saw him much disguised with Liquor but once, as I remember in the above term of time. As witness my hand this day & year above mentioned.

DAVID ADAMS.

The above affidavit sworn to by Mr. David Adams before me the day & year above mentioned.

WM. WALTHALL.

Amelia County, to-wit:

Richard Booker, of lawful age, this day came before me at my house in the said County, and made oath that about six or seven years ago he was in company with Ralph Crawford Anderson, when the negroes of Mr. Fras. Anderson were cutting down a tree, and the said Ralph Crawford Anderson was a setting on a logg and appeared to be continually a counting over his fingers, and when the tree was nearly falling, Mr. Francis Anderson went to the said Ralph Crawford Anderson and told him that if he did not get up that the tree would fall on him; and the said Ralph Crawford Anderson's reply was, that he had rather the tree should fall on him & mash him in peaces, than he should be disturbed, for he had then all his work to do over again. And this affirmant further sayeth that he believes that the said Ralph Crawford Anderson was not at that time in his right mind, and further sayeth not.

RICHARD BOOKER.

Taken before me the 30th April, 1792.

DAVIS BOOKER.

The petition of sundry citizens to his Excellency Henry Lee, Governor & chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia: 1792.

Your petitioners feeling considerable regret at the condemnation of Ralph C. Anderson, who has been unfortunately convicted of the murder of William Green, beg leave to state to your Excellency that although we are sensibly impressed with the enormity of the crime for which he is under sentence of death, as well as the necessity of inflicting condign punishment upon all persons who willfully violate the laws of their country, and trample under foot the plainest dictates of nature; yet, from a long and intimate acquaintance with this unfortunate culprit, we are induced to assure your Excellency that we do not believe he has for several years past been of sound mind, and in possession of his natural senses—otherwise we feel a strong conviction that he would never have been arraigned at the bar of Justice under trial for homicide. We have never heretofore had cause to believe but that he was a peaceable well-disposed man in his neighborhood, and a citizen perfectly subservient to the laws of his country, as well as those of nature and humanity.

We therefore humbly implore your Excellency that if there be any way compatible with propriety & that Justice which we know you are bound to dispense, the unhappy prisoner may in mercy have his sentence remitted. We are well aware that in a populous country like this, it is indispensably necessary for the peace and welfare of society to make examples of those who feloniously take away the lives of their fellow-creatures, and thereby manifest future destruction to their neighbors. But in the present instance we view this miserable victim with such sceptical eyes as not to perceive wherein he has in fact been a felon; for that he has for years been in some degree a lunatic, we must again contend. We most religiously believe that if your Excellency could possibly see cause to grant him a pardon, he would hereafter be in a situation that would be by no means formidable to mankind, and render him a future blessing to all his connections.

John Finney, Ame'a,  
Matthew Farley,  
Dancey Adams,  
Simon Morgan,  
Abner Chappell,  
Thomas Jones,  
Frederick Jones,  
Daniel Wilson,  
Peter Jones,  
Edward Jones,  
Edward Ward,

John Jones,  
Epes Spain, Jr.,  
John L. Cooper,  
John Archer,  
William Old,  
Daniel Tucker,  
Joel Tucker,  
William Fagg,  
George Foard,  
William Morgan,  
Thomas Old,

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Peter Howsan,	Dan'l Spain,
Peter Jones,	Joshua Spain,
Wm. B. Pegram,	William Spain,
Will. Marshall.	

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Sometime in the month of March, William Green, of Amelia, made a settlement with me of some accounts that were between us, and finding himself indebted a balance, said that Ralph Crawforth Anderson, of Chesterfield, Owed him a sum of money, & that he (the said Green) would apply for it & would pay it to me. About ten or twelve days after this settlement, it being two days before the murder of the said William Green, I asked him in person if he could make a discharge of the balance of his account with me; the answer of the said Green was, that he had not been to Ralph Crawforth Anderson's; and also, that he was afraid to go to his house. I immediately asked him his reason for being afraid to go to his house? He, the said Green, then answered and said that the neighbours of the said Ralph Crawforth Anderson had informed him that the said Anderson was in his old distracted ways, so that he could do no business with him.

PETER ROBINSON.

City of Richmond, to-wit:

Sworn to before me this 11th day of Ap'l, 1792, by the subscriber,  
Peter Robinson.

ROB'T MITCHELL.

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To his Excellency, the Governor, and Honorable members of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

A petition of a Citizen of this Commonwealth and of the County of Amelia, in behalf of Ralph Crawforth Anderson, Humbly sheweth that the said Ralph Crawforth Anderson, hath been tried the present session of the District Court in the City of Richmond, on a charge of having murdered William Green, and a verdict having passed upon the Oaths of twelve men, but your petitioner humbly begs leave to state a fact which he conceives might have militated in his favour on the trial by the Jury, and have saved him from the severe and dreadful sentence which may now be pronounced upon him. From a long and Intimate acquaintance with him, the said Ralph C. Anderson, I have both known and heard of the frequent interruptions and deprivations of his Reason, and the misery of his condition hath been rather increased than abated by the certainty of a return of a Calamity which proceeded from the will of the almighty.

And your petitioner farther humbly sheweth to your Excellency and honors that during my long and intimate acquaintance with him, I have never known or seen in him a disposition to inhumanity or Barbarity of any sort to either his inferiors or superiors, but on the contrary have ever discovered to me a generous disposition to humanity, benevolence, and love to all men of every rank—whether rich or poor.

And your petitioner humbly sheweth farther unto your Excellency & Honors, that that which ever discovered to your humble petitioner the real principles of love and humanity in the said Ralph C. Anderson, was that of a particular and constant attention to those whom your petitioner ever thought to be objects of the notice of their superiors—even the poor, with whom he has ever mixed himself as with his equals, as well as been submissive to his superiors and the laws of his country. And your petitioner calling to mind the uniform behaviour of the said Ralph C. Anderson, among all men during the intermediate times of his exercising the gift of reason, doth now humbly pray that pardon may be granted unto the said Ralph Crawford Anderson, & that your Excellency & Honors may consider the unfortunate situation of his mind rather as an infirmity than a fault; and as it is the will of him who rules and governs above, that mercy should rejoice against Judgement, it is the humble prayer of your petitioner that mercy may be afforded, that your Excellency & Honors may spare his life, and he again restored to the enjoyment of his friends & little family under such restrictions as effectually provide against any farther injury to others from him.

DAVID ADAMS.

At a District Court held in Richmond the 12th day of April, 1792, Ralph Crawford Anderson, labourer, late of the county of Chesterfield, who stands convicted of murder was sentenced by the Court to be hanged by the Sheriff of Henrico County, on Friday the Eighteenth day of May next, between the hours of ten in the forenoon and two in the afternoon of the same day.

Teste:

J. BROWN, C. R. D. C.

JOHN TYLER TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 3d

Sir,

I beg leave to recommend to your mercy, Isaac Van Miter, a poor man who has been condemned to die for Horse stealing, which horse is

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restored to its owner. He had a very strong proof of a good reputation and honest connections, also of his frequently being not in his right senses; often wandering about the country at a great distance from his family; often lying out of cold nights even on his own land when he had all the domestic comforts of men in his condition of life; which manifested a deranged mind, and since his confinement his conduct has made the like impression on the people in this part of the Country. Judge Winston is not now with me, but desired me to use his name on this occasion. This measure is dictated from a motive of charity and mercy, and also a desire to give your Excellency such information as may tend to produce so desirable a thing as a pardon for those who have a claim to it from the circumstances attending their cases.

And now excuse me, Sir, for mentioning the circumstance of a pardon sent to King & Queen on the application of persons out of court, who may be brought over to promote a petition even in the worst cases, and thereby be the means of defeating the law when it ought to have its full effect. The case is very far from being clear that the Executive has the power to grant a pardon between verdict and sentence by our Constitution, but the Court feeling as your Excellency did for that case, were willing to pass the question over and confer on the subject. I beg leave to submit the necessity of every pardon expressing the substance of the Indictment in some degree, when it is to be pleaded at Bar. If such should be the case again, that the Court may proceed with accuracy, and that the pardon may have the effect intended. These observations are made with great deference to your Excellency, and with a desire that all the Departments of Government may by mutual efforts be preserved.

I am with very great respect,

Your Excellency's most obt. H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

May 5th

SMITH SNEAD, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

North-  
ampton

By the inclosed letter you will perceive that the people of this County are very much alarmed with the apprehension of an Insurrection of the slaves, and have applied to me as Co. Lieut., to secure them from the danger. There is no public ammunition in the County, and it has so hapened that there is not Ten pounds of powder in any store in it. The Gentlemen whose names are subscribed to the enclosed letter are Magistrates of this County, and have requested me to make application to your Excellency for one hundred weight of powder and four hundred of Lead. If this quantity can be forwarded to York Town Ferry with direction to be immediately transported to Hungar's Ferry on this shore, you will much oblige,

Sir, Your most obt Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Col. Smith Sneed:

May 5th, 1792.

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Sir,

A variety of circumstances having made it but too probable that an Insurrection is intended by the slaves in this County, we have thought it absolutely necessary to give you this information without delay, and to request that you will take the most immediate & effectual steps to prevent the fatal consequences of their designs.

We are, Sir,

Your mo. ob't Servants,

LITT. SAVAGE,  
JOHN STRATTON,  
JOHN ROBINS,  
ISAAC SMITH,  
PETER BOWDEN,  
PRESTON KENDALL,  
GEO. SAVAGE,  
HENRY GUY.

WILLIAM LOWTHER TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 5th

Sir,

I wrote you a few days since, but the uncertainty of conveyance from this remote part of the State induces me to embrace this more favorable opportunity. The Commission you were pleased to honor me with I accepted, & in due time completed my company. It is with much concern I am constrained to inform you that I really fear I shall be under the necessity of discharging them, owing to the difficulty of finding them at the very low rate allowed by the General Government; provisions are not to be had on the frontier where the men are stationed, we are obliged to pack a considerable distance, & pay the prices asked, which are high. If your Excellency could afford us relief in that particular by influencing the Executive to make a small addition to the price of a ration, you would greatly add to the exalted opinion already entertained by the Western Inhabitants of your zeal to protect their lives and property. We have every reason to expect a very troublesome summer; there has been frequent discoveries already made of the approach of the Enemy, & much mischief done in the neighboring Counties. But thanks be to providence our County has escaped as yet.

I shall esteem myself honored by a speedy answer. If you send to Winchester, I shall receive it readily from there.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most ob't &amp; very Hum. Serv't.

When I mentioned our county had escaped I was wrong, 2 men have been killed within the limits of our county.

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## H. CAPERTON TO GEORGE CLENDENIN, COUNTY LIEUTENANT.

Sir,

May 6th  
Kanawha

Being directed by the Executive to raise a Company of volunteers for the defence of this County and Greenbrier, I have made every possible exertion in my power for the completion thereof, But finding that Col. Daniel Boon, the person appointed by the Executive of Virginia, did not agreeably to orders provide provisions for the support of said Company, could not bring forward the number allotted for your county at the time prescribed by the honorable the Executive, and on my arrival found your county was generally invaded, and that you were under the necessity of exercising the ordinary mode of defence, having been compelled to embody a company of your militia, and finding at the same time that the body of troops which were ordered under my command were incompetent to repel the Depredations of said Indian Enemy, do request you by virtue of the order of council to me directed, to continue said Company of Militia in service until the danger abates or other provisions are made by the Executive of Virginia or the General Government.

I am, Sir,

Your Ob. H'ble Serv't.

A copy—Teste:

SAM. COLEMAN.

May 6th

## CAPERTON'S COMPANY, WHICH DID DUTY AT GREENBRIER.

James Shelley,	At Kanawha & Greenbrier,
Thos. Thompson,	same,
Rob't McKee,	same,
Jas. Lacy,	same,
Joseph Abbet,	same,
Isaac Cole,	same,
Matthias Meadows,	same,
Matthew Medy,	Greenbrier,
Wm. Meddy,	same,
John Dunn,	same,
John Harvee,	same,
Mathew Lamb,	same,
Will. Stoms,	same,
Will. Dock,	Kanawha,

John Harvee,	Greenbrier,	1792.
Isaac Smith,	same,	May 6th
Rob. Lee,	same,	
Nimrod Smith,	same,	
John Scott,	Kanawha,	
Geo. Swobe,	Greenbrier. (A boy),	
Wm. Lee,	same,	
Josiah —,	same,	
William Hamnick,	Kanawha,	
Felix Williams,	same,	
Sam'l Peck,	Greenbrier,	
Francis Farley,	same,	
James Abbet,	at Pecks,	
Daniel —,	Greenbrier,	
Reuben Solomon,	Kanawha,	
Thos. Weatt,	Greenbrier,	
John Woodnam,	Kanawha,	
John Jameson,	Kanawha & Greenbrier,	
Geo. Paul,	same,	
Leban Booten,	same,	
Thomas Fulton,	Greenbrier,	
Francis Kelley,	a short time in Kanawha,	
Sam McClung,	at Home,	
Andrew McClung,	at Home,	
Edw. Farley,	Greenbrier,	
Francis Farley,	In Kanawha a short time.	
John Grow,	Sam McClurg's,	
Hugh Caperton,		
Thos. Patterson,	at Gilliland's,	
Phil. Lacy,	at Kanawha.	

Joel Sturgeon, James Haynes, scouts, made a great hunt—kill at least 100 skins; 63 one—60 the other.

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BENJ. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 6th

Sir,

In Compliance to your instructions, dated 3rd of January, 1792, you Harrison Co. have here Inclosed a statement of the expenses which accrued for the defence of this County for the year 1791, as far as I am able to ascertain them. The County Lieutenant is about or has removed out of this



1792. County, and has put a number of imperfect papers in my hands, so that  
 May 6th I cannot Render a full satisfaction to your Excellency's Requisition. I  
 view it my duty, and shall now take the liberty to give you an account  
 of the state of the frontier of this county.

The depredations Committed by the Indians, and our present protec-  
 tion—The frontiers is much exposed, in Great fear, and dayly looking  
 for a heavy stroke from the savages. We had two men killed on the  
 little Kanaway River, (as by account in writing). The Indians has  
 Killed and captivated Eleven persons in Monongalia County, near the  
 Harrison line; also one family in Randolph County, near the Harrison  
 line—the number not yet Certified to me, and all done last month. Our  
 protection is by your Commission to Capt. William Lowther, forty pri-  
 vates & two scouts, with an addition of two scouts from the secretary of  
 War, or yourself, which protection in itself is Great, tho' very far from  
 being a full security to the exposed Inhabitants when taking into view  
 the great extent of our frontier, the number of hills and mountains to  
 search for the Lurking places of the Enemy that lays between the Ohio  
 River and our west fork settlements. I have been repeatedly applyd to  
 for two more scouts; I have not yet granted them, altho' I believe them  
 to be absolutely necessary. I wait your Instructions in this matter and  
 hopes your Direction for their appointment.

I am, Sir,

Your most obed't Serv't at Command.

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May 8th JOHN HARVIE AND W. FOUSHEE, DIRECTORS, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

We beg leave to trouble your Excellency & Hon'ble Board for an  
 order for the balance due on shares purchased on public Account, & the  
 State's proportion of Requisitions made by the James River Company  
 up to the first day of April last, leaving a balance due the Company as  
 per inclosed statement of £1,239, 2s, 11½d., which we should be glad to  
 receive, or so much thereof as the Exeentive thinks can be spared from  
 the public Treasury.

We are, Sirs, with great respect & Esteem,

Your Excellen'y's mo. ob't Serv't.

Dr. The Commonwealth of Virginia,			1792.	
In account with the James River Co.			Cr.:	May 8th
1785.	To Subscription, 200 shares, @ £60,	- -	£12,000,	0s, 0d.
1790.	To sundry delinquent shares, 50 @ £50,	-	2,500,	0 0
1792.	To the Requisition on 100 shares, new sub- scription, of £5 each, being the first instal- ment for 1792 due in April,	- - -	500,	0 0
			<u>£15,000, 0s, 0d.</u>	
1786.	Jan'y 3,	By Cash,	£600,	0s, 0d.
	Ap'l 12,	Do.,	100,	0 0
	" 13,	Do.,	650,	0 0
	Oct. 12,	Do.,	650,	0 0
1787.	Jan'y 20,	Do.,	300,	0 0
	Ap'l 30,	Do.,	140,	0 0
	May 8,	Do.,	160,	0 0
	" 28,	Do.,	200,	0 0
	June 21,	Do.,	800,	0 0
	Oct. 17,	Do.,	150,	0 0
	Dec. 17,	Do.,	650,	0 0
1788.	Feb'y 13,	Do.,	800,	0 0
	March 21,	Do.,	800,	0 0
			<u>6,000, 0 0</u>	
	May 27,	Do.,	800,	0 0
	Oct. 7,	Do.,	400,	0 0
1789.	Jan'y 30,	Do.,	125,	0 0
	May 26,	Do.,	650,	0 0
	July 20,	Do.,	25,	0 0
1790.	Jan'y 10,	Do.,	1,000,	0 0
	May 1,	Do.,	500,	0 0
	June 9,	Do.,	500,	0 0
	Nov. 3,	Do.,	319,	13 10
	" " Do.,		683,	6 2
1791.	Jan'y 14,	Do.,	403,	10 0
	April 23,	Do.,	100,	0 0
	" 28,	Do.,	40,	6 10
	May 10,	Do.,	200,	0 0
	June 12,	Do.,*	1,175,	16 2½
	Dec. 23,	Do.,	941,	10 0
			<u>7,861, 3 0½</u>	
			<u>£13,861, 3s, 0½d.</u>	

\* 161 Hhds. Tobacco.

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JNO. M. HOPKINS TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Sir,

May 8th By desire of William Deakins, Esq., I have to request a payment of  
 Richmond the balance, or such part as your Excellency & Council shall please, of  
 the donation of the state to the Federal City. This balance is Fourteen  
 Thousand dollars.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Sir,

Your most Ob. Servant.

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May 8th

WILLIAM PAYNE, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Inclosed you will receive the recommendation of the Court of Fluvanna, recommending Joseph Haden as a proper person to execute the office of Major of the Militia of said County, who in my Opinion is excluded entirely from that business by being an Inspector of Tobacco at the Rivanna Inspection, nor does he hold any militia Com'n in the County at present. Capt. James Payne and myself having Commissions of the same date, and he having declined his pretensions, I therefore as eldest Capt. of the said County, object to the said recommendation which you and your Hon'ble board may take into consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Ob't Serv't.

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May 10th

THOMAS NEWTON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Norfolk

Inclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Guy, of Northampton, which will shew your Exc'y the intentions of our slaves. We are totally unprepared for such an event—having very few arms in the hands of our militia. If your Exc'y cou'd spare us some of the public arms, they cou'd be so disposed of as to be ready at a moment's warning. From circumstances, I apprehend there has been a general communication in the lower parts of the County, tho' we cannot fix anything hereabouts. I held a gen'l muster last month, & had not 20 stand of arms in the field. I cou'd not hold a Court-martial from the sickness & absence of the Capt's—of course have not any returns made yet; as soon as I can obtain them, I will forward them to your Excel'y.

I am, with the greatest respect,

Y'r Ob't Serv't.

Northampton County, May 9th, 1792.

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Dear Sir,

Fortunately we have in a few days past made a discovery of an intended insurrection of our Slaves. The plot seems to have been general, and several are now in Gaol; on that account, the ring-leaders of this horrid plan seem to have had some information of a similar circumstance in agitation among you, and we learn from some of them that a letter has been received from your County on that subject. In consequence of which information, I have immediately dispatch'd an Express to you for the particulars of this matter, if anything respecting it has transpired among you.

May 10th  
North-  
ampton Co.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Y<sup>r</sup> ob<sup>t</sup>, Hbl. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

P. S. Please to furnish me with 4 lbs. of Powder & 12 lbs. of Lead.

H. G.

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PETITION OF JOHN CRANE.

To His Excellency the Governor, & the Honorable the Council of State:

The petition of John Crane humbly sheweth that your petitioner at the District Court held in Winchester at their last session was condemned for murder, and is now under sentence of death for the same. He prays the interposition of your Excellency & Honors so far at present as to grant him a reprieve for one month from the time the said sentence should be executed, and as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

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JOHN NICHOLAS, JR., BOND AS CLERK OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

May 10th

Know all men by these presents, that we, John Nicholas, Jr., and Wilson C. Nicholas, George Divers, & Thomas Bell, are held and firmly bound unto Henry Lee, Esq., Governor of Virginia, and his successors, in the penal sum of one Thousand pounds current money of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &c., firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals & dated this tenth day of May, One thousand seven hundred & ninety-two.

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the county court of Albemarle have this day appointed the above-mentioned John Nicholas, Jr., clerk of the said court, now if the said John Nicholas, Jr.,

1792. shall well and truly execute the duties of his office, and will not remove  
 May 10th or carry or suffer to be removed or carried out of the said county of Albemarle, the records & papers of the Court of said County, or any part thereof, except in cases allowed by law, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Given under our hands & seals, the day and year afores'd.

JOHN NICHOLAS, [Seal.]  
 WILSON C. NICHOLAS, [Seal.]  
 GEORGE DIVERS, [Seal.]  
 THOMAS BELL, [Seal.]

J. BRECKENRIDGE, Clk pro tem.

May 10th

W. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 Portsmouth By information from Col. Guy, of the County of Northampton, we have every reason to apprehend an intended insurrection of the Slaves. Indeed, their conduct in this county has long since warranted the suspicion. In consequence of which, I have to solicit of your Excellency a supply of arms speedily as it can be made, for I can assure your Excellency we have them not for every twentyeth man. I have given orders for the county to be put in the best temporary defence until arms are furnished for our protection, which, if necessary, I will be responsible for to the publick.

The fears of the people of the county are greatly agitated from bodies of negroes collecting among them in numbers not less than 300 and dispersing again. An Answer from your Excellency by the first opp'ty will (I hope) contribute to alleviate the apprehensions of the people.

I am,  
 Your Excellency's most obt Serv't.

May 11th

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 Council office As Commander-in-chief of the militia of this Commonwealth, who will no doubt under a law which the General Assembly will pass on the subject, be empowered to appoint the Adjutant-General of the Militia of the State, I beg leave thus early to inform your Excellency of the pleasure with which, if I am fortunate enough to meet with the appointment, I would undertake the duties of that office. These duties have hereto-

fore been annexed to the office which I now execute, and this circumstance, with the enlightening manner in which you are accustomed to convey your orders, would make my duty both agreeable and advantageous to myself, & I hope not unprofitable to my country.

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I have the Honor to be, Sir, with very great respect,  
Y'r Excellency's most obedient, humble servant.

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THOS. GATEWOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 13th

Sir,

Having been informed that application has or would be made to your Excellency, in order to obtain a pardon for a negro fellow called Argyle, now under sentence of death for robbing myself & others of property to a considerable amount on the night of the 16th of March last. I think it my duty to inform your Excellency that the said Argyle is deemed a notorious villain, & an old offender, & that he has been on a former occasion reprieved when under sentence of Death, as will appear by the enclosed certificate. Your Excellency will therefore be able to Judge how far the lenient hand of mercy should be extended to such an object.

Norfolk

I have the honor to be,  
Y'r Excellency's most ob't & most h'hle Serv't.

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SENTENCE OF A SLAVE TO DEATH FOR STEALING.

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held at the Court House in the County of Princess Anne, On Thursday, the 23rd day of November, 1786, for the trial of Argyle, a Negro Boy-slave belonging to Samuel Moseley for robbing Calamaco Dominicho of Thirty shillings and sundry goods of the value of Twenty pounds. The above said Argyle being committed to the Jail of this county, charged with the above said offence, was led to the Bar in custody of the sheriff; and it being demanded of him if he was guilty of the same or not, & how he wou'd be tried, He said he was not thereof guilty, and put himself upon God and the Court for his trial; and thereupon, two witnesses were sworn and examined touching the said offence, and the said Argyle was heard in his defence.

On consideration whereof, It is the opinion of the Court that he is guilty of the said offence: Therefore, it is ordered that the sheriff carry

1792. him to the place of Execution on Friday, the Fifteenth day of the next  
May 13th month, and there hang him by the Neck till he be dead. The Court  
values the said slave Argyle to Eighty pounds—ordered that the clerk  
certify the same accordingly.

A Copy—Teste:

C. H. MOSELEY, Clk.

May 14th

CERTIFICATE AS TO JOHN MARSHALL, A PENSIONER.

At a Court held for King & Queen County on Monday, the 14th day  
of May, 1792:

John Marshall, late a Boatswain's mate on board the ship Tartar, belonging to this Commonwealth, who was continued on the list of pensioners with an allowance of twelve pounds per annum by certificate from under the hand of his Excellency, Beverley Randolph, Esquire, bearing date the 14th day of July, 1790, personally appeared in Court and being examined, ordered that it be certified to the Executive that the said John Marshall still remains in the same state of debility, and is by no means capable of undergoing any laborious exercise, and it is the opinion of the Court that he ought to be continued on the pension list with the allowance aforesaid.

A copy—Teste:

RO. POLLARD, C. C.

May 16th

II. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

War Depart-  
ment

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 9th instant, which was received yesterday. In order that you may possess all the information in my power to give upon the subject of the disturbances on the Southwestern frontiers of Virginia, I enclose you the copy of a letter from Governor Blount, which was received two days ago. It is most probable that upon the arrival of the Cherokees, who were at this City among their own people, that the apprehensions of hostilities from that tribe may subside. Besides, Governor Blount has appointed to have conference with the Chickasaws and Choctaws at Nashville, early in June, at which the principal Cherokees will be invited.

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The capture of Bowles by the Spaniards, and the arrangement making at the Rock Landing by Mr. Sengrove, in behalf of the United States, with Mr. McGillivray and the Creeks, will probably restore entire tranquility in that quarter. Judging from the information in my possession, it would appear that the United States have much to hope, and but little to apprehend from the disposition of the Southern nations of Indians. It would appear that if by necessity the war with the Indians northwest of the Ohio must progress, that we could obtain five or six hundred Southern Indians to Join our Army. It is true that some of the Chickamagas, and others of the Cherokees who have held considerable intercourse with the Shawanese for some years past, have at times manifested bad symptoms. But the death of the dragging Canoe, and the probable election of John Watts, a bold, sensible, and friendly half-breed, to the Chief direction of the said towns, would probably settle the remnants of the war on the Southern frontiers. From the information contained in Governor Blounts letters, together with such information as you possess by other channels, and this statement, your Excellency will be able to Judge of the necessity of your presence upon the Southwestern frontier of the Commonwealth over which you preside. In case, however, that you should think proper to make the Journey, I beg leave to repeat what I have before mentioned to you frequently by the Express direction of the President of the United States, That he will concur in every reasonable measure for the defensive protection of the Southern frontier of Virginia, which your Excellency may think proper to establish as far as he is, or shall be authorized by law. He is impressed with the conviction that all parts of the Union ought to be defended at the general expense, and he will therefore most readily impart that defence according to the authority vested in him. The Congress having by law authorized a regular pay-master to reside with the army, the militia and scouts employed on the frontiers northwest of the Ohio, will be relieved from making application to the seat of Government for the settlement and payment of their accounts, as the said pay-master will be authorized to settle and pay the same. If it shall be more convenient to Russell and Wythe to apply to this Office, they shall be settled with here. You may rest assured, Sir, that it is the disposition of the Executive of the United States to render the payment of the militia as easy as possible, consistently with the necessary guards and checks against abuse. The observations contained in this letter will apply equally to the Lieutenant-Governor relative to the counties on the Ohio. The protection of the upper parts of the Ohio have been confided to your Excellency, excepting in the cases of ———, of which you have been informed. If the Lieutenant-Governor shall, upon mature reflection upon the spot, be of Opinion that a greater force of militia shall be necessary and should call forth such a force, the United States will pay



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the Expenses thereof, so far as shall be consistently with the laws. I will write immediately to the Contractors to know whether they could furnish the Rations to the ranging parties on the Ohio.

I enclose my Letter to Brigadier General Wilkinson, of the 3rd of March, relative to the defensive protection of Kentucky, and I have learned by Captain Spring, tho' not officially, that a satisfactory arrangement is in operation in consequence thereof. It is probable that as the troops move forward they may take such temporary stations on the Ohio as will tend to cover the upper parts of Virginia from the incursions of the Indians. The President of the United States, actuated by sincere desires of terminating the Indian War without the further effusion of blood, has directed that overtures of peace should be made by explaining the designs of the United States relative to Indian's Lands, on which point there were grounds to believe the Indians had been grossly deceived. Accordingly these pacific overtures are in train through various channels, and it is to be hoped they will be attended with good effects. In the meantime offensive operations are of course restrained, and the Indians have been desired to call in all their War parties. Indeed we are not yet ready for offensive operations, and the season will be far advance before the Troops can possibly be collected for that purpose. The Kentucky mounted volunteers might be used in the meantime, were it consistent with good faith; But even the said volunteers will have to march further distant in search of an Enemy than they had the last year, For it appears by Major Hamtrunk's letter of the 31st of March, who commands at Post Vincennes, that he has entered into certain preliminary articles with the Wabash Indians, which it is to be hoped will be still more extensive.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obed. Servant.

May 17th

LITT. SAVAGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

North-  
ampton

Sir,

Capt. Bayley this morning del'd me your Excellency's Lre. to Col. Snead, County Lieut., which I immediately dispatched a messenger with. He lives 13 miles from me, and therefore an answer cannot conveniently be procured from him to send by the return of Capt. Bayly. However, as I am well acquainted with the subject of his Lre. to your Excellency, & possibly from some opinion of your Excellency's answer, I think it necessary to inform you by this opp'ty that we have apprehended and tried 8 or 10 negroes on suspicion of plotting & conspiring to rebel against the white people in this County, but the Court thought the proof insufficient to convict them. Three, however, the Court

recommended to the owners to send out of the Country, which have been accordingly done; some of them whip'd, and the rest discharged. This I think has had a good effect, for we experience at present a very different behavior among them. How long it will continue God only knows. To guard against future consequences, the sooner our Militia is put upon a more respectable footing, the better, for at present I do not believe there is 20 lbs. of powder in the Connty. Two hundred weight of Lead in proportion, is little enough for our Militia, which the inhabitants of the County would be extremely obliged to your Excellency to order to be sent over as quick as possible. Excuse, Sir, the freedom I have taken, & believe me to be your Excellency's

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Most Obed., Hum. Serv't.

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MILES KING TO HONORABLE ROBERT GOODE, RICHMOND.

May 17th

Dear Sir,

The Governor left my House this day for Norfolk, & delivered me a letter for you, which I have forwarded this post. The Governor sent an express to the Eastern shore last evening, tho' the Boat did not leave untill two o'clock this morning; arriv'd at Col. Savage's, and deliv'd the letter; stay'd at his House four hours, & returned to Hampton at half-past three o'clock—the answer I have sent to the Governor. The news from the Eastern shore much more favorable than we expected—only about 16 Negroes put in Jail—all try'd; none condemned; some whiped; a few of the most dangerous sent to the Havannah, and every thing appears to be quiet there; it appears there was no dissenters conceal'd in the ———. The Boat went about Ninety miles in 9½ hours, & would have done it in two Hours less, if there hadn't been a calm.

Hampton

I am, Dear Sir, with great respect,  
Your friend & Hum. serv't.

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JAMES WOOD TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 17th

Sir,

The inclosed letters from the County of Harrison, directed to you, Winchester I met at this place. I opened them on supposition they contained public matter necessary for me to know. I have also inclosed the record of Wm. Johnston's condemnation, who is under sentence of death for Horse-stealing. I doubt not but your Excellency and the Board will see the propriety of extending the same indulgence to him which has

1792. been granted to Crane, sentenced at the same time for a greater crime.  
 May 17th Upon enquiring, I find that Johnston is a stranger—without Friends or money; was lately a soldier, and lies under the *suspicion* of having been an old offender; however, if he is reprieved, you will have further information before the expiration of Crane's reprieve. I am Just setting off for the Ohio, and least I should not receive the expected Letter from Gen. Knox at Morgan Town, I shall hope you will, on receiving Letters from him, Communicate to me your Dispatch to the care of Rob't Wood at this place, who will be particularly careful to transmit it to me.

I have the Honor to be with real Esteem, Sir,  
 Y'r very Ob't Serv't.

Ohio County, 20th April, 1792.

His Excellency, Henry Lee:

Sir,

In the following lines we have endeavoured to state some of the facts which have taken place in and on the frontier of our County, in order that you may be able to form some Idea of our present situation. We do not design to state every circumstance that occurred on those occasions, but only mention them severally as follows, (To-wit):

From March 7th to 25th, Nine horses were taken from Short Creek, west bank of Ohio. April 1st, two boys killed on Wheelen. 5th, one man and one woman murdered about five miles from West Liberty, nearly in the centre of the County. 12th, seven horses taken from Short Creek. 16th; One man murdered & one taken prisoner at the Mouth of Short Creek. They were closely pursued by Capt'n James Mitchell with part of his Militia Company who were stationed near the place, but escaped. 15th, a party came near to Muskingum, killed some cattle and hogs, and were pursued by the Whites, who killed one and wounded two. 19th, Several horses were stole from below Wheeling. A party is now in pursuit of them. These we fear are only drops of the shower. That is to follow, we neither look for nor, expect any morey from these Savage Enemys. The rangers allowed for our County is by no means competent for such an extensive frontier. As from our situation, we nearly cover the other Counties along the river, the Pennsylvania Militia cannot afford us any assistance. At a Council of officers, we unanimously agreed to call out a Company of Militia for one month, which we have done, and hope the proceedings will meet your Excellency's approbation. We had thought of calling out in rotation the Militia, but they positively refuse to leave their families to be murdered. The observation seems Just. Every man is a centray over his family at present, and one half of them without arms. Nor are they able to procure any. Several now on duty cannot get a gun to purchase. No Spring crop can be made in our present situation, and unless your Excel-

lency can do for us what is out of our power to do for ourselves, we must submit to our fate. We conceive if that a full Company of Rangers could be raised in addition to those allowed for this County, (Less will not answer so valuable a purpose,) which could act in conjunction with those already on station, it would be the most effectual way of preventing those small parties of Indians from coming into the settlement, as we could be enabled to meet them on their own ground. Should your Excellency approve of this mode, we would further recommend to your attention as officers for s'd Company, John Camell, Capt. John —, Lieut., and Thomas Biggs, Ensign, persons which we can have confidence in their abilities, and who we presume will meet with general approbation.

We are with due regard,

Your Excellency's most ob't and very Humble Servants,

DAVID SHEPHERD, C'ty Lt.  
BENJAMIN BIGGS, Lt.  
WM. MENACHAN, Capt.  
JOE. SNIFF, Major.

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G. W. JACKSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 17th

Harrison co., 5th May, 1792.

Sir,

I rec'd your Excellency's Letter some time in the last of Feb'y Harrison Co. past; also the inclosures, which I amediately attended to, tho' at some expense, as Capt. McMaehan lives some distance near about 120 miles.

I observed you have given orders to Capt. Lowther or at least McMaehan, to order out 2 scouts for our county. I wish the Executive could have agreed to indolge our frontier counties with more scouts, as we have already expereanced a troublesome spring by the savages, and by good information are now on our frontiers. The Indians have committed hostilety on all four counties this season already—that is, Ohio, Monongalia, Harrison, and Randolph. I wrote to your Excellency last Feb'y, respecting of my furnishing the provision to the Rangers of these four counties, and paid a man to Go by Express to let you know in what situation I stnd in, and from your Excellency's answer, I did not conceive myself fully Justified to ogment the price of a ration from eight cents, tho' I am afraid I shall be under the necessity of Doing it, for I can't get any person who will undertake to furnish them. I submited the matter to Capt. Lowther, and he once thought of discontinuing the Rangers from some of the posts; but on consideration, agreed not, and had to give himself as security to pay 7½ p'r Ration to have them found. There is also another sureomstance that did not apeare to me when I

1792. except of the appointment, viz: the Companys are distributd at Defer-  
 May 17th ent posts through our frontiers for the safety of the country, and the  
 undertakers have to pack the provisions to the Poste as yet, tho' this is  
 complained off so much, that if pay is not alowed or som other mesuer  
 adopted they will utarly refuse; the consequence I dread. I can assure  
 you that I have not, for all the trouble I have bin at, offered to ask any-  
 thing for my tronble, and tell them they shall have what I am to receive.  
 I hope that your Excellency will write me Spechaly on the occation.

And beleive me to bee, with due respect,  
 Your most obed't & very Hum. Serv't.

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A Statement of the Expenses accrued for the protection of Harrison  
 County, for the year 1791—Virginia.

1st. Rangers by order of the Executive of this State—I presume this  
 expence has been paid by this State; I have no account of the amount.

2nd. Rangers by order of the General Government—This Expence  
 has been paid by the General Government; I have no account of the  
 amount.

3rd. Scouts' Service, 238 Days @ 5s. p'r day,	-	-	£59, 10s, 0d.
Rations, 238 @ 6d. each,	-	-	5, 19 0
Total, - - - - -	-	-	£65, 9s, 0d.

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May 17th

BENJAMIN WILSON TO HENRY LEE.

Sir,

The above mentioned service of scouts was occasioned by an incur-  
 sion made in this County last October, and the continued appearance of  
 eminent Danger for some time. The Lientenant of the County Informed  
 me he had made yon acquainted therewith, and by virtue of your letter  
 Dated 3d of January, 1792, I am applying to the general Government  
 for payment. I know of no other expences but those above stated.

May 6th, 1792.

WILLIAM JOHNSON TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

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To his Excellency the Governor and The Honorable Council of Virginia: May 19th

Humbly sheweth That your petitioner who is now under sentence of Death for Horse stealing, implores your interposing compassion for a respite as long as John Crane, who was condemned the same day for *murder*, and by extending your indulgence so long, your petitioner indulges a hope that he may be enabled to procure such *documents* as might entitle him to a pardon. As your petitioner is Two hundred miles from the place of his nativity, it precludes a possibility of accomplishing so desirable a purpose at present. This supplication it is trusted will be granted, and your petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

Winchester Jail, May 19th, 1792.

WILLIS WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 19th

Sir,

I have Just had the honor of receiving your Excellency's letter, upon the subject of the Insurgency Covering a Copy of instructions to the commander of the Borough, with orders and advice respecting the County. Portsmouth

Permit me, Sir, in the name of the good people of this county, to present your Excellency with their sincere thanks for your prompt visit in this, which was supposed, a time of danger; the esteem which they had for the soldier will be strengthened with respect for the chief magistrate.

I have attentively perused your Excellency's Instructions and suggested Ideas which you indulge me with an opinion on, and am the more happy as they are precisely in unison with my own, especially the part respecting the danger of the Town's first feeling the effects of a spirit of disobedience & resistance. The defenceless condition of this Town for the want of arms is deplorable, but we have no doubt of a remedy from your Excellency.

I inclose a copy of a letter, the original of which was immediately transmitted by the mail for your Excellency. Expect'g the pleasure of seeing you on Monday, I remain,

Your Excellency's Ob't Serv't.

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THOS. NEWTON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
May 19th  
Norfolk

Your Excell'y's letters of the 18th instant, I received, and consulted the Mayor on the subject. We agree in opinion that two hundred stand of arms are necessary for this place, because we have generally a number of strangers here, whose interest it will be to take up arms as well as the inhabitants, whenever any insurrection should happen. Our militia is also at this time but badly armed, tho' there is an impression on all that they should now procure arms, & I hope they will soon be completely fitted; my endeavors shall be to enforce the necessity of the measure. I have apply'd personally to the Preachers who held nocturnal meetings, & they have promised to hold no more, & informed me they were sensible of their having had a bad effect. Every regularity & vigilance in my power shall be exerted & assistance given to the watch by a patrol when necessary; they being under the Mayor's directions, he will give them the instructions recommended by your Excell'y. I shall use my best endeavors to keep the militia in order, & have a roster of them made out immediately, and give them the necessary orders to turn out when there may be occasion. I have procured a safe place for keeping arms in a public part of the Town next to my own Dwelling, where a number can be assembled in a few minutes. My endeavors in every respect shall be to comply with your Excellency's instructions, for which I am much indebted, & am with the greatest respect,

Y<sup>r</sup> Exc'y's Ob't Serv't.

May 20th

HUGH CAPERTON AND GEO. CLENDININ TO CAPTAIN WM. MORRIS.

D'r Sir,  
Kanawha

Since I seen you, I have consulted with Mr. Geo. Clendinin Respecting the measures which you and I thought expedient the last time I seen you, and have to inform you that he is well satisfied that whatever deficiency there may appear to be in my Company, be made up out of such of the active militia of Capt. John Morris' Company that have really been in service, as are not included in his present ranging company. It appearing from the extrem danger that is at present apparent, and the very dispersed situation of the Inhabitants of this County, that a less number than what is at present employed together with the addition of those above mentioned, are not able to Give that succor that may be necessary to secure the Inhabitants. The two men that you mentioned you wish'd to stay with you to guard your mills, you will detain and consider a part of said number.

I am, Sir,

Your Humble Servant.

D'r Sir,

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The above measures Capt. Caperton and I have consulted on May 20th  
and appear very agreeable to me.

I am your Ob't, H'ble Serv't.

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CERTIFICATE OF CAPTAIN WM. MORRIS.

I certify that one day after the date, I rece'd a letter of which the above is a copy, and within two days after did engage Roland Wheeler and Nathan Wheeler to serve as volunteers in Capt. Caperton's Company; that they Continued to do duty at my will untill September. (if I remembered right), and that they are the same Roland Wheeler & Nathan Wheeler, which were on the back of Capt. John Morris's muster-roll presented to the Executive.

May 25th, 1792.

*Memo.*—Roland Wheeler, Jr., is in possession of the Original letter, and says his father did receive money of Capt. Caperton as a part of the first month's pay by him rec'd of the State.

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J. HADEN TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 20th

Sir,

Col Hall will hand you the recommendation from the Court of Fluvanna for a Major of the Militia. I am informed Capt. Wm. Payne has already furnished you with the same, with objections to my being commissioned. I am not acquainted with the objections he makes, but have been informed one is on account of being Inspector at Rivanna. Its true I am, but that don't clear me of the Militia only in time of peace, but am subject to the Militia Laws in case of an invasion, &c. Therefore I consider myself as one of the Militia. Another I suppose is informing you he is the oldest Capt'n, &c. For this I refer to Col. Tunstall Quarles, who is now in Richmond. I was a Capt. of the Militia in the County of Albemarle before the division of the County took place, & after the division was commissioned in Fluvanna, & performed my duty through the whole of the last war as a Captain. When there Was Commissioners appointed agreeable to an Act of Assembly for recommending Officers, I was again commissioned, which I resigned a few years past. In fact, I am the oldest officer in the County. In another instance it may probably have been signified to you that there

Columbia



1792. was not a full Court at the time I was recommended. The truth of  
 May 20th that is I was recommended without any solicitation. There is only  
 Nine acting Magistrates in the County, & six of them present. There  
 was not a dissenting voice amongst them, & no other person proposed,  
 the Magistrates present were also the senior Magistrates in the County.  
 For the truth of my assertions I refer you to Col. T. Quarles, and also I  
 refer to him and Mr. David Ross. Respecting the whole matter, my  
 general conduct & fitness to fill the office to which I stand recommended,  
 & upon getting fully acquainted with the matter from them, I doubt  
 not but you'll forward me a commission by Colo. Hall.

I am, Sir,  
 Y<sup>r</sup> mo. ob't Serv't.

May 20th

DAVID ROSS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Richmond, May 26, 1792.

Sir,

I am informed that Capt. Jos. Haden, of the County of Fluvanna  
 has referred to me for information relative to his appointment as a mili-  
 tia officer. I believe he has been a Capt. in the Militia since the first  
 establishment of the county of Fluvanna, & long before it was sepe-  
 rated from Albemarle. Some years ago, I was app'd one of the com-  
 missioners to nominate proper persons to the Executive as Militia offi-  
 cers for that county. The Commissioners were unanimous in recom-  
 mending Mr. Haden as a proper person for Captain; I had then & still  
 have, full conviction in my mind that he's as well qualified for the duties  
 of a Militia officer as most men in the county.

I have the honor to be with great regard & Esteem,  
 Y<sup>r</sup> Hum. Serv't.

At a Court held for Fluvanna County, on Thursday the 3rd Day of  
 May, 1792.

Present, the Justices of the s'd County, to-wit: John Ware, John  
 Napier, John Thompson, Wm. Oglerly, Duncan McLaughlin and James  
 Payne, Gentlemen. This Court doth nominate to his Excellency the  
 Governor, Joseph Haden, Gent., as a proper person to execute the office  
 of a Major in the militia of this County.

A copy:

JOHN TIMBERLAKE, C. F. C.

SMITH SNEAD, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

I received yours of the 16th inst., dated Hampton two days ago, but have not received your first, or heard anything of the ammunition. I am very sorry, sir, that the alarm has given you so much trouble, but rejoice to discover that the danger is not so great as at first was apprehended by many people. We have had about a dozen in our Jail, the most of whom have undergone a trial for their lives, but sufficient testimony to convict them did not appear to the satisfaction of the Court.

May 21st  
North-  
ampton

For my own part, I believe a few, and only a few, manifested by their conversation a desire of insurrection, but had no fixed plan of operation or time for execution; they had furnished themselves neither with arms or ammunition; no white person was concerned with them; neither in my opinion, was this disposition by any means general. If it had prevailed throughout this County and the adjoining one, the impracticability (I think I might say impossibility), and the consequence must have occurred to them before any attempt to put their plan into execution. But this by no means is a general opinion, a large majority think differently. The military maxim, always to guard yourselves as if in danger, is a very prudent one, and perhaps it would not be improper in the present situation of affairs, to furnish the militia with some ammunition, but I think it equally possible that it would be an unnecessary expence.

I am sir, with much esteem &amp; respect,

Your most ob't Serv't.

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 PETITION FOR ARMS.

May 22d

To his Excellency the Governor & the Honorable Members of the Privy Council.

The petition of Alexander Quarrier, Captain of the Corps of Artillery, part of the Militia of the City of Richmond, sheweth That the Company which your petitioner is appointed to Command is not furnished with arms for the defence, which may be necessary at any time when their service is required. Your petitioner therefore requests that your Honorable Board will be pleased to order sixty-four stand of arms to be delivered to him for the use of his company, to be accounted for at any time hereafter, and he will, &c.

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## SAM'L VANCE TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

May 23d  
Bath Co.

I received your Excellency's favor of the 12th of March, together with the order of Council for the raising of Twenty-five militia for the defence of this County, in consequence of which I appointed Robert Thompson, Lieut., to command them, he being the eldest Lieut. in the County, and had been active in the late War. I have also prevailed with Colo. Charles Cameron to furnish the rations at the prices mentioned. He has likewise mustered the men raised, and reports that they are well chosen. No doubt but his report to you will give satisfactory reason why the ware not mustered earlier than the ware, as the ware on duty before he could attend them. I hope our proceedings in the business will meet with your approbation in Council, and that Lieut. Thompson will be commissioned. Late information from the Kanawha say that the indians are very troublesome; that they have kil'd two men at the point. Others have been fired on at Elk, and one wounded. The have likewise break up a small settlement on Elk, sixty miles below where Lieut. Thompson is stationed. I beleive only one family kil'd. If any thing particular turn up in the course of the summer will endeavor to give you the earliest information.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obed. Serv't.

May 23d

## RECOMMENDATION FOR ALDERMEN.

Norfolk Borough:

Norfolk

At a Hustings Court held the 23rd day of May, 1792:

Present—Cary H. Hansford, Esq., Mayor; Richard E. Lee, Esq., Recorder; Paul Loyall, Robert Taylor, James Taylor, Donald Campbell, Cornelius Calvert, James Ramsay, Gent. Aldermen.

The Court recommends to his Excellency, the Governor, Baylor Hill, Gent., as a fit person to execute the office of an Alderman for their Borough, in room of Paul Proby, Gent., who hath resigned.

A copy—Teste:

ALEX'R MOSELEY, C. N. C.

May 23d

## PETITION OF HUGH DOWDALL FOR PARDON.

Prince Wil-  
liam County

To the Honorable Governor and the Council of the State of Virginia:

The humble petition of Hugh Dowdall most Humbly prays your Honours to take my distressed and unhappy situation into your charitable consideration, and be greasusly pleased to extend part of that well-

knowing charity that remains with you upon a unfortunate object 1792.  
 worth your notice, who is now at the point of death, without your May 23d  
 honors' charitable and timely assistance. Your petitioner is now confined those nine months for only passing One bad dollar, and has suffered a great deal this last winter with forty weight of Iron, and without the benefit of fire, and am destitute in those parts of any friends or acquaintance, but some thousands of miles from home only a poor helpless wife that is now lying some place or other on the road, as she was going with a petition to your honours. I will Indist and be a faithful subject to the services of my Country the remainder of my days, if your Honours will pardon me for this Offence; and if you think it not proper to pardon me, I pray your Honours for a few days longer to live, that I may be the better prepared to depart out of this world.

I pray your Honour's compliaunce to the above, and in so doing, your Petitioner as in duty bound will Ever pray.

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PETITION OF CITIZENS FOR PARDON OF HUGH DOWDALL.

May 23d

To the Honorable the Governor & Council of Virginia:

Prince William County

The humble petition of sundry inhabitants of the s'd State & of the County of Prince William, come shewing that whereas a certain Hugh Dowdell has been convicted of felony for counterfeiting & passing base coin, knowing it to be such, & is now under sentence of Death for the same; and whereas the evidence produced upon the trial of the s'd Dowdell was not in the opinion of your petitioners of that high dignity & absolute certainty which it ought to be, in order to deprive a fellow-creature of his present existence, being only a presumption of his guilt; and whereas your petitioners know & are well assured that his sufferings have been very great during the inclemency of the late winter which has intervned since his confinement—all which circumstances being taken into consideration by your petitioners, they therefore humbly pray pardon of the s'd offence for the s'd Dowdell, and as in duty bound shall pray, &c., &c.

Wm. Smith,	T. Blackburn,
John Sowden,	L. Dade,
Joseph Botts,	Wm. Tibbs,
Alex'r Howison,	Nath. C. Hunter,
John Prince,	Ja. Ewell,
Thomas Chapman,	Francis Carlton,
Spencer Grayson,	Thos. Oliver,
Bernard Gallaher,	Thos. Chapman, Jr.,
John Cannon,	Jas. McDonald,
Geo. M. Warren,	Grif. Hedges,
	William Wyatt.

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JAS. EWELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 23d

Dumfries, May 23rd, 1792.

Sir,

Dumfries

I have just seen and have signed a petition to your Excellency in behalf of the unfortunate Hugh Dowdle, now under sentence of death for passing base coin. As he was committed by my warrant, I beg leave to inform you that upon his examination I was reduced to doubtfulness with respect to the propriety of committing him, & it could have had full confidence in the testimony of a certain Fitzsimmons I should have discharged him, but that being suspicious, & the presumption against Dowdle, I thought he had better undergo the scrutiny of a further investigation, tho' he might be innocent, than to be acquitted with impunity if guilty (of knowing it to be base). I did not attend his trial, but have since heard one of his venire say, that if it had not been for the re-examination of Fitzsimmons before them, he would have been acquitted, & that when he gave his voice on the presumption of his guilt, he did not think it would take his life. It is said Fitzsimmons was then intrusted with Dowdle's goods (who was a pedler), & that he has since actually run off with all his effects. But if the unhappy criminal had been actually guilty, has he not suffered more than adequate to the offence? To endure for several months the ignomy & perturbation of mind consequent of his condemnation; to be robbed of his all by the perfidy of his friend, & to be chained almost in one position to a cold floor during the severity of the last winter must exceed the torture of a thousand deaths. If in the circumstances, life & Liberty are still desirable, I hope he will find mercy at this extremity of distress.

I have the honor to be, with due respect, Sir,

Y'r most obed. H'ble Serv't.

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B. EWELL, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

May, 1792.

Sir,

The enclosed was left with me to be forwarded to you, & the petition mentioned therein, has, I expect, been banded to you ere this. As I was present at the trial of the unhappy person mentioned therein, whose sentence of Death is to be executed on the 29th day of June, next, I beg leave to mention that the presumption of his guilt arose chiefly from a contradiction in the testimony of Fitzsimmons, his pretended friend and partner in trade. But admitting the prisoner's guilt,

tho' the punishment inflicted by law has not been executed on him, yet his sufferings have far exceeded the nature of his offence, & should he find mercy, he may yet become a useful member of society.

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Y<sup>r</sup> most ob't & H'ble Serv't.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN CASE OF HUGH DOWDALL. May 23d

Virginia, to wit:

At a District Court held at Dunnfries, the 21st Day of May, 1792, Hugh Dowdall, late of the Parish of Dittengen and County of Prince William, Labourer, who stands convicted of Felony, was again led to the bar in custody of the keeper of the Public Jail, and thereupon the opinion of the General Court being read to him in these words: Virginia, to-wit: At a General Court held at Richmond, November 19th, 1791. The Commonwealth against Hugh Dowdall, late of the Parish of Dittengen in the County of Prince William, Labourer, Deft.

This day came as well the Attorney-General as the Counsel on behalf of the Defendant, who being fully heard, and the transcript of the record being seen and inspected, It is the opinion of the Court that the indictment against the Deft. is good and sufficient in law, and that the plea of the said Deft. in arrest of the Jury's verdict ought to be overruled, which is ordered to be certified to the said District Court, and it being demanded of him if any thing for himself he had or knew to say why the Court here to Judgment and Execution against him of, and upon the premises should not now proceed, he said he had nothing but what he had before said. Therefore it is considered by the Court that he be hanged by the neck until he be dead, and that execution of this Judgment be made and done upon him, the said Hugh Dowdal by the Sheriff of Prince William County on Friday, the 29th day of June next, between the hours of ten in the forenoon and two in the afternoon of the same day, at the usual place of execution.

A Copy—Teste:

GS. BROOKE, C. D. C.

JOHN BECKLEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 24th

Sir,

In obedience to an order of Congress, I have the honor to transmit three copies of the Journal of the proceedings of the last session of the House of Representatives of the United States—one for the use of the Supreme Executive, and one for the use of each Branch of the Legislature of the State, over which you preside.

Philadel-  
phia

And am with due consideration, Sir,

Your most Obedient and very humble Servant.

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## EDM'D HOLLADAY'S RECEIPT FOR ARMS.

May 24th Rec'd (Richmond, May 24th, 1792,) of Samuel Coleman, sixteen Boxes said to contain six hundred Stand of Arms, which I am to deliver to Colonel Willis Wilson, the Lieutenant of Norfolk County, or to his order at Norfolk—unavoidable accidents excepted.

Teste:

JNO. LESTER.

May 24th

J. GARLAND TO HONORABLE RO. GOODE, RICHMOND.

D'r Sir,

Crawford Anderson is very anxious that the time of his execution should be prolonged one week more. Mr. Burnley says there would be no impropriety in so doing; will you call a Board to-day for the purpose? Mr. Dan'l Jones' affidavit inclosed—it may be of some service.

I am, D'r Sir,

Y'r most ob't.

Mr. Jones intended to have called at Whitby yesterday to have seen you. Should it be necessary, I trust you can undertake for the worth or credibility of Mr. Jones, (as you know him well).

Daniel Jones, of Nottoway Co'ty, says that he has been acquainted with Crawford Anderson for Twenty-Odd years; that he has frequently seen him of unsound mind when he was sober, and is of Opinion that Anderson must have been out of his senses at the time he Killed Green; that he ever has considered him as a peaceable, quiet man when in his senses; that he has ever understood that Anderson's Father and five Brothers, with himself, has been mad.

Sworn to before me the 23rd May, 1792, being a Magistrate for Amelia Co'ty.

WM. MURRAY.

May 25th

SAMUEL COLEMAN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Council  
office

I have as usual examined the account of the contractor to furnish the Post at the Point of Fork with provisions, and find the amount to be forty-six pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence, for supplies fur-

nished for the last quarter, ending the 30th of April, 1792. Major Langham has on the back of his own Orders, certified the reception of the Rations for the last Quarter; the usual voucher was the receipt of the non-commissioned officer of the Guard. I should myself suppose that the superintendent's certificate would be equally authentic.

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I have the honor to be, sir,  
Your most Ob. Servant.

Be pleased to return the vouchers to be filed in my office.

GEORGE CLENDENIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

May 26th

Sir,

In the provision made for the defence and protection of this County the present year, your Excellency was so kind as to inform me that Ammunition was put into the Hands of Col. Daniel Boone for that purpose, and that he also was to furnish Rations for Captain Caperton's Ranging Company. I am therefore led to inform your Excellency that no ammunition has yet come to hand, neither has there been a single Ration furnished; A consequence has naturally follows that I have been compelled to provide Rations for the said Company as yet, otherwise let them be disbanded; and have also purchased of the Bearer, William Cook, for the use of said Company and the Militia, One hundred & five  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of Gunpowder, as will appear by a certificate thereof in his favor herewith enclosed, which powder I give three shillings pr. pound for, or agreed that he should be paid that price for it. It is unnecessary for me to urge the necessity of immediate payment being made him, well knowing that your Excellency will pay every Imaginable attention thereto.

Kanawha

The Indians are daily Committing depredations within this County. On Monday week last, the killed two very Reputable Men, to-wit: a certain Mich'l Lee, Esquire, and a Mr. Robert St. Claire. At the same time, the took a white Boy and a Negro. Thirty of them were discovered a few days before the did the aforesaid Mischief, opposit to my fort across the Kanawha River, In sight of the fort, who's intention we suppose was to attack the fort the following night, or fix themselves for that purpose. On their being discovered, the fired several Guns at the fort, but without doing any mischief, tho' we daily expect to be attacked by them at one or other of our stations. The Frontier Comties have never experienced so desparate a summer as this appears to be. God knows what the event may be. In our quarter we keep Close Garrison and hope for the approach of the Army, which may perhaps call their attention from us.

I have the honor to be with great Respect and esteem,  
Your Excellencie's Ob't, Hum. Serv't.



1792. At a meeting of the Directors of the Hospital for the maintenance  
 May 28th and cure of persons of unsound minds, held at the said Hospital in Williamsburg, the 28th day of May, 1792:

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Hospital be directed to apply to the Executive for a warrant from the Auditor of Public Accounts on the Treasurer of this state for the sum of two hundred pounds for the use of the Hospital.

A copy:

WILL. RUSSELL, C. C. D.

May 30th Rec'd (Richmond, May 30th, 1792,) of Samuel Coleman, two large Boxes said to contain six hundred and one Cartridge Boxes in good order, which I promise to deliver in the like good order, unavoidable accidents excepted, to Col. Willis Wilson, at Norfolk or to his order.

Teste:

TAPLEY WEBB.

N. B.—On examining the above cases, we find no more than five hundred Eighty-nine Cartouch Boxes—589.

May 31st

WM. NELSON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Westover

At the request of Mrs. Towe, the unfortunate Wife of William Towe, who hath been convicted of horse stealing, I do myself the honor of communicating the inclosed petition. It rests with the Executive to determine whether it may induce the exertion of their clemency.

I left Suffolk District the evening before the court adjourned. The Chief Justice intended to forward another petition that had been handed to him, which I presume he has done. The solicitude, however, of the unhappy bearer of this, will not allow her to go to Richmond, without another letter on the subject. I am called on therefore to state the evidence as well as I can collect it from my notes.

Capt. Dorlan (the first witness), swore that on Friday, the 9th of Sept'r, he missed his horse out of his pasture. He took up one Samuel Whitby, who was of a suspicious character. Whitby gave information that Towe had taken the horse, and mentioned when Towe would be at a Mr. Pinders (I think), where Towe was afterwards apprehended. Towe acknowledged that he had a horse like the horse which Capt. Dorlan described; but said he had bought him of one Jno. Burke, & produced a

Bill of sale signed with the name of Burke. It is to be observed that Whitby at first told Captain Dorlan that a Wm. Howard took the horse; this Mr. Whitby was a young man, who had run away from his father in North Carolina. He stated that he and Towe went up to Prince George together; that Towe caught a horse there, but being not so active as himself, he (Whitby) mounted this horse himself; they however let this horse go. In their way back, they came to an inclosure which in description corresponded with Capt'n Dorlan's pasture, and Whitby held Towe's horse whilst Towe took the horse out of the pasture. Whitby described the horse as to his having three white feet, and as to his tail.

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He confessed that he wrote the Bill of sale, and that Towe signed the name of Jno. Burke to it. He said that they arrived at Towe's house on Sunday evening; this is the sum of Whitby's testimony.

Mr. Pointer proved that Towe's brother, who was examined on his behalf, was a young man of fair character. This John Towe contradicted the testimony of Whitby. He said that his brother was at home on Friday evening, and sent for him; that he went thero on Saturday morning, and that Whitby, as well as I recollect, brought the horse by himself on Sunday, & that Whitby sold the horse to his brother. A Mr. Griffin was examined, who proved that Whitby passed by the fictitious name of Turner. A Mr. Pinder swore that the prisoner had many times called at his house on his way from Caroliner & buck again; that he passed under different names, & that Howard was one of the names which he assumed. The Executive will discover that the testimony which greatly operated against the accused, was that of a man of bad character, who seems to have been actuated by dishonest principles in the Journey, and confesses himself to have been an accomplice in this transaction.

I have the honor to be,

With every sentiment of respect & Esteem,

Y'r obed. Serv't.

PETITION OF MRS. TOWE.

May 31st

The Most Honourable Council, I hope you will Consider my Distressed situation. I have Been this Foure years past, I that have Never seen a well day, and the greater part of my Time under a Doctor. I have three small children, and now young with child again. I am in a very low state of health; has kept my Bed Ever since; I walked from the Capital yesterd., when the petition was handed, with a Violent fever, and a very bad cough, and a pain in my Breast. I could scarce turn myselfe, My Dear husband, before his absence, has been obliged to turn me for a week at a time, not able to help myselfe; he is a man takes

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great Delight in his Farme. Ever since our marriage, I never heard any thing Lay'd to his charge Before this, and he is Raly clear of taking the horse. The owner of the horse says he was taken about midnight on Friday on night, and my husband was home that night, and sent for a young man to come and work with him. He came on Saturday Morning before the sun Rose. Their was no such horse theire on Sunday Evening. This young man Brought the horse. This other young man was preasent when he Rode up in the yard. He is Cal'd a Very Cretable young man. He took his Oath he saw him Bring the horse there; takes a horse a Bout a mile from us, and goes and Sets in as an over Seer, which is a day and halfe Ride neare to wheare we live. I have been so unfortunate to loos two Dear Husbands a natural Death. Let Beg and Beseech of the most Honourable Counsil to spare his life, if it cannot be Got over with some punishment, Let be some Corporal punishment: any thing you please to Lay on him so his life is spared, I shall be thankful. O! that I could Be permitted to fall on my nees Before his Exlency and Counsil to Beg the Life of my Dear husband. I hope their is not one of yon gentlemen but has a most tender Feling, if not for him, Consider me and my Dear Babies. I have no property; if my Husband is taken, all is gone. I have been possessed of good fortune, but second husband made use of the whole. I have no relation, not a cousin to Apply to For Friendship. Please to excuse the want of paper and the Bad Dictating few Lines please to from a Distressed woman.

Let me know if yon Receive any Letters from office concerning my Business.

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#### PETITION OF WILLIAM TOWE.

The Humble Petition of William Towe on Supission of Horse-stenling, this humble Petetion Sheweth, that your Petetioner has been in Prison those Nine months last past, which has utterly Ruined his Finacces & Rendered his Family as mere objects of Distress. The Great Omnipot above that Knows the secrets of all Hearts, Can nor will, I trust, Pronounce me Guilty of this Crime alledged against me. It is my sincere wish that Law & Equity takes place; and if so, its Impossible that those men of Knowledge, in whose hands my Life depends, can do otherwise than clear me.

I hope the Honorable Judges will not attribute any former Events, so that the might Bear a Weight at this essential Crisis; therefore, I trust in their Learned Knowledge and most Boundless Humanity, that by their most Honorable Consent, they will be graciously Pleased to Do as

they of their Learned knowledge thinks most Expedient in the present Case, and in duty Bound your Petitioner, with a firm Resolution never to Lay himself in the power of any Person, man, to say again the least to Predejuce my Character.

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JOHN WEIRSON TO JOHN H. BRIGGS.

May 31st

Dr. Sir,

You will be applied to by the wife of an unfortuate man, who is under sentence of death in Suffolk Jail, for a pardon, The offence Horse Stealing. He has been before convicted for the commission of a similar crime, & has obtained a pardon, which circumstance may no doubt plead ag't him in the present application. Yet as two offences have been passed over so far as to allow a second pardon, it is to be hoped that his case may be as well entitled to mercy as those which have occurred, and I hope the petitions in his favor will have a favorable operation with the Executive. The Witness ag't him it is to be feared committed a Felony & established it on Towe to save his own neck. His wife and family are no doubt truly interested in this dreadful calamity, & as far as is consistent with the public good, I have assured Her that y'r Humanity may be expected.

I am y'rs, &c.

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To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council of the State of Virginia:

May 31st

The humble petition of Grace Tow Sheweth That her husband William Tow is now confined in the District Jail of Suffolk, and under sentence of death for being charged with having stolen a horse belonging to Capt. John Darlin of Nansemond County. The unhappy situation of your petitioner, the miseries that this event will produce to her, as well as to her infant children, besides that of being deprived of an affectionate husband, cries aloud for mercy. The lenitive disposition of your Excellency, as well as the Honorable Council, the interposition of the honorable Judges of the District Court, (which is promised,) and the wishes of a number of respectable inhabitants, whose names are hereto subscribed, is flattering indeed. Your greatness has been produced your petitioner presumes, from your noble principles, and there can be nothing greater she conceives, than for those who have power to extend forgiveness. May you be actuated by divine munificence, and may he who has power ever deal bountifully towards you, be the sincere and fervent prayer of your disconsolate petitioner,

GRACE TOW.

1792. We, the Subscribers, sensibly feeling for the unhappy situation of Mrs.  
 May 31st Tow, ardently wish that she may obtain the approbation of the Executive in this her humble and important petition,

Christian Richardson,	Jno. Driven,
Sarah Yarbrough,	Tho. Swepson,
Eliza Hubard,	Rich'd Yarbrough,
Charlotte Iverson,	W. Stott,
Mary Barber,	A. Richardson,
Clotilda Langston,	J. Hay,
Elizabeth Poole,	Wm. H. Hayes,
Priscilla Hoss,	Stephen C. Graham,
Ann Copeland,	Cha. Harrison,
Eliza Allen,	Jno. Whidden,
Ann N. Graham,	Robert M. Riddick,
Louisa Copeland,	John Nivison,
Elizabeth Jordan,	William Whitfield,
Elizabeth Sparling,	Wm. Nimmo,
Elizabeth Riddick,	Jas. Blamrye,
Mary Milton,	D. Fenwiss,
Willis Riddick,	Tho. Mathews,
Evan Bowen,	Charles Moss,
Thos. O'Hara,	Zach. Martin,
Thos. Wishart,	James Riddick,
John Barber,	William Metcalf,
Denny Copeland,	John Lawson,
Elisha Copeland,	L. Littlepage,

David Meade.

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT NOW SETTING  
 IN THE TOWN OF SUFFOLK.

The Subscribers, from motives of humanity and a fellow feeling for a poor unhappy wretch, are induced to trespass on your Honor's time and patience, by soliciting that the final Judgment now about to be passed upon William Towe, a prisoner in your Jail for Felony, may be dictated in terms as mild as Laws of Country will permit in cases similar to one in which the prisoner now stands. The youth, with his (as we have good cause to believe), sincere repentance, together with the distresses naturally Resulting to his wife and poor little infant, on his being snatched out of the world by a death the most infamous, are among the reasons by which we are induced to come forward and solicit your Honours. Should you pass sentence of Death upon the said William Towe, that you will be pleased in that case, to recommend him to His

Excellency the Governor, as a proper object of mercy, (as we now  
recommmend him to your Honors) in order to the obtaining his final par-  
don. We humbly beg leave to observe, whether it may not be a hard  
case to take the life of the prisoner upon the Testimony of a witness  
whose incredibility is very obvious.

Suffolk, May 16th 1792.

James Wills,  
Willis Riddick,  
John Sik Wills,  
Dansey Copeland,  
Jno. Dorton,  
Edw. Allen,  
Thos. Mathews,  
Robert Godwin,  
Eun'd White, (No. Caro-  
lina.)

Soloman Shepherd,  
John Barber,  
Elisha Copeland,  
A. Richardson,  
H. Allmand,  
John Morison,  
Merit M. Robinson,  
Robert Jordan,  
Joseph Walker,  
John Driven.

Kings Mill, 21st May, 1792.

Dr. Sir,

During the Session of the District Court at Suffolk, one only  
of the many Culprits that were confined at that place for tryal was  
capitally convicted. A William Towe of North Carolina was charged  
with, and found guilty of stealing an Horse within the limits of Vir-  
ginia. The chief testimony upon which his conviction was founded  
came from his accomplice in Guilt, but the manner in which that testi-  
mony was delivered, together with the circumstances that corroborated  
it, could not Justify the Judges of that Court in asking your inter-  
ference for this unhappy young man, yet as the inclosed petitions were  
presented to me in his behalf, it becomes my duty to submit them to  
your Excellency. As this short statement of the circumstances of his  
case cannot operate anything in his favor, I hope this communication  
which my public duty obliges me to make, will not be considered as  
intimating even a wish on my part to prevent your interference in this  
man's behalf. My associate, Judge Nelson, would have united in this  
letter to you, had he not been obliged to separate from me before the  
Court Closed.

I have the honor to be with every sentiment of Esteem,  
Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't,

HENRY TAZEWELL.

1792.

Isle of Wight, May 20th, 1792.

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Sir,

The address of twelve farmers of the counties of Isle of Wight and Nansemond, humbly sheweth, That from undoubted authority we understand that there is a petition now before your Excellency in order to obtain a pardon for a certain William Towe in Suffolk Jail, under sentence of death for Horse-stealing. In order, therefore, that your Excellency may be apprised of this Villain's character in general, as well as some of his well-known conduct within a very few years past, before you hastily proceed to pardon him, We have thought it right, from the duty we owe to good society, to offer you this our little narration:

1st. He is a well-known Horse-Thief in Carolina as well as in Virginia, and it has always been a hard matter to detect him.

2nd. For this offence he has been tried, condemned, and pardoned not long ago in Virginia; for the truth of this, we beg leave to refer you to the records of the Gen'l Court, and the present Attorney-Gen'l, as well as to Judge Tazewell, &c., &c.

3rdly. He has been tried several times in No. Carolina for different crimes, condemned once, & broke Jail, &c.

4thly. He has made it a practice to keep people employed to steal Horses for him, forge bills of sale, put strange names to them, and by such conduct has several times escaped condemnation.

5thly. He has sold and bartered away several horses in this neighborhood, which have been claimed by other people afterwards, and carried away to the injury of several honest and industrious people.

6thly. He calls himself an inhabitant of Perquimous County in No. Carolina, and we know the people of that neighborhood, (especially those who own good horses), most ardently pray for his execution.

After all the aforementioned circumstances, we are unanimously of opinion that he is a pest to society, a nuisance to the Commonwealth, and a proper object for example. We, therefore, confiding steadfastly in your Excellency's intention to do Justice to all good societies, now leave you to Judge & do the thing or things that are right towards that consummate Villain, Towe.

We are with due submission & respect to your Excellency, encouragers of every species of virtue, honesty, and industry, and steady suppressors of villainy, all kinds of vice and immorality.

We are, with unfeigned respects,

Y<sup>r</sup> Excellency's H<sup>ble</sup> Serv'ts.

Signed by order of the meeting.

WILLIAM PERKINS, Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD OF FIELD OFFICERS OF OHIO COUNTY.

1792.

Agreeable to a request made by the Honorable General Wood, Esq.,  
Lieut.-Governor of Virginia, we, the field officers of Ohio County do  
make the following Report, (to-wit):

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1st. That this County forms a frontier of one hundred & thirty miles  
on the Ohio river; One hundred of which is inhabited.

2nd. That all the security we have for that extensive Frontier is Capt.  
McMahan's Company of rangers, consisting of forty-one men & twelve  
scouts.

3rd. We are farther of opinion that not less than two full Companies  
of Rangers, exclusive of the twelve scouts now in actual Service, are  
not more than adequate to defend our frontiers.

4th. That the powder furnished by Gen'l Government last year was  
so damaged as to render it unfit for any service whatever. We have yet  
near three hundred weight of Lead furnished by the state of Virginia &  
near two hundred & fifty pounds furnished us by the federal Govern-  
ment.

5thly. We farther beg leave to suggest as our opinion that four hun-  
dred w't of powder & two hundred w't of Lead are not more than suffi-  
cient to Defend our frontiers & to accomodate the Rangers.

DAVID SHEPHERD, C'y Lieut.,  
EBENEZER LANE, Coll.,  
BENJAMIN BIGGS.

James Smith, a continental soldier, wounded at the battle of Guilford  
17 Mar., 1781, allowed half pay by the Board of Auditors, and paid to  
1st Jan'y, 1786.

May 31st

Extract from the pension book.

J. PENDLETON.

Auditor's office, 31 May, '90.

SAM. A. OTIS, SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 1st

Sir,

Agreeably to the order of Congress, I do myself the honor to trans-  
mit your Excellency a copy of the Journals of Senate of the United  
States.

Office Secre-  
tary of the  
Senate

I shall thank you for a line acknowledging the receipt of the copy.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and Humble Servant.



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## BILL OF FELIX WILLIAMS.

June 3d

The Commonwealth of Va.,

To Felix Williams,

Dr.:

To Travelling Express from Green Brier County to Richmond and returning, 500 miles.

Virginia, to-wit:

I do hereby certify the above Felix Williams was employed by me to carry the above express to his Excellency, and the distance is so computed.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of June, 1792.

H. CAPERTON, (paid).

June 4th

## JAMES WOOD TO CAPTAIN WM. McMACHEN.

Sir,

West  
Liberty

You will be pleased to augment your present Command by engaging on the same conditions, and for the same term of service two Sergeants, two Corporals, and twenty-five privates; as soon as those men are mustered by Colo. Biggs, Ensign Joseph Biggs is to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and William Willis is to take command as Ensign in your Company. The Posts which you at present occupy on the west side of the Ohio, I think, were well chosen. As to the Disposition of the party now to be raised, I must say that you will Consult the County Lieutenant and Field officers, and in conjunction with them, establish one or more posts which I wish to be on the West side of the River.

I am, sir,

Y'r Ob't Servant.

June 4th

## ARCHIBALD WOOD'S BOND.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Archibald Woods & Robert Woods, of the County of Ohio and Commonwealth of Virginia, are held and firmly bound unto Henry Lee, Esquire, Governor of the said Commonwealth, or his successors in office, in the sum of One thousand pounds Current Money of Virginia, to be paid to the said Governor or his successors in office, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors, or Administrators Jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 4th day of June, 1792.

Whereas the above bound Archibald Woods hath undertaken and contracts to furnish such of the Volunteer Militia now in the County of Ohio, or who may be hereafter stationed in the said County under the directions of the Executive authority of the State of Virginia, with Rations of provisions at their respective stations, each Ration to consist of One pound of beef or three quarters of a pound of pork, one pound of Bread or Flour, Half a Gill of Rum, Brandy, or Whiskey, and one quart of salt to every hundred rations; the price of a Ration to be Eight Cents. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Archibald Woods shall well and truly deliver the rations to the Troops now stationed, or hereafter to be stationed, at the usual and accustomed times of drawing, in sound and good condition, and for and during the terms of the engagement of the said Volunteer Militia, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

1792.

June 4th

ARCH'D WOODS,  
ROBT WOODS.

Scaled & Delivered in presence of—

E. VANCE,  
JAMES WOODS.

HOLT RICHARDSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 5th

Sir,

It appears that we have no militia Law now in force, and I am informed that the Negroes in some part of this County has very large night meetings at some white person's house, under the pretence of —, and when that is over they then begin to talk of Chewing Delegates & a High Sheriff; what this means, I cannot find out.

King Wil-  
ling Co.

I have ordered all the Capts. or officers who commands Companies, to have patrols appointed—some of them has made the appointments, but the men will not obey & will not act, for they say there is no law to find them, neather for mustering or for patrolling; therefore, they will not act, tho' some of the Capt. has acted themselves; that the men might act by rotation, but this will not answer, for if they have the least excuse, they will not attend, nor will not without there is a law to find them. I have ordered that every Capt. or officer Commanding Companies to make me a return of the strength of there companies; this I cannot have done, except by a few—therefore it is not in my power to make to your Excellency a general return.

1792. In case of an invasion we have no arms, tho' I am not under the least  
 June 5th apprehension of such a thing, yet, if your Excellency thought fit that they might be drawn, I woud send for them according to our return for the County, & I woud be answerable for them, or return them whenever called for. I shall be glad of your advice how I am to act with the militia. There is some are willing to do there duty, but others will not, and those are cheinfly the better sort of the militia. So I am at a loss what to be at, and shall weight for your answer, or your determination.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient & very humble servant.

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June 5th

A. LEWIS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

I beleive since my last letter to you, nothing worth relating has happened in this County. The Enemy find that no number of them sufficient to do any damage, can make their approach without being discover'd. Other counties not so well perhaps on their guard, snffer, particularly Kanahawa has very lately lost a considerable number of its inhabitants; also some killed in counties Joining Russell, but in the new Territory, and thought to be done by the Cherokees. I have been obliged to advance considerably to the Troops in geting necessary cloathing & in payment of good Rifles, not being pleased with musquets, and rather choose to purchase others out of their pay, which are stowed up and ready to return—I mean the musquets. There is a debt due from my Brother to Mr. Herron, of Richmond, and if the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds can be advauced to him, shall be so much rec'd in settlement with my Troops, or if your Excellency would do me the favour to Speak to Mr. Herron, & inform him that it may be on a settlement drawn, he may rest easy; for if he should act with rigour in my absence, may be attended with much injury to myself and family. The uneasiness of having perhaps my property exposed, when my presenee would prevent it, makes my service in defence of my Country more agreeable than it would.

I am, sir, with respect,

Your Exce'y's ob't Serv't.

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June 6th LETTER OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL CITY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Georgetown The demand for money in the Federal city increases; it is desirable, indeed essential for the credit of the Comm'rs, and the success of the work, that we should count on our own Funds to a certainty.

There remains behind ——— Dollars of that part of the Virginia 1792.  
donation which was receivable for the last year. You will greatly oblige June 6th  
us, Sir, by informing us of the earliest day that we can receive it, and  
of the time that proper orders will be answered for the present year.  
The part of Maryland is subjected to, and is ready for our disposition  
of it.

We are, Sir, with respect,  
Your Ob't, h'ble Serv'ts.

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CERTIFICATE OF RICHARD GAINES, JR.

June 6th

Charlotte County, se:

This day Claiborne Barksdale, a Comm'r for the aforesaid County, Charlotte Co.  
came before me, a Justice of the peace of s'd county, and made Oath  
that he was summoned by Edmund Read, then Sheriff of Charlotte, to  
attend at William Hubbard's, late Sheriff in said County, with one other  
Comm'r, to value the property (agreeable to Law) of the said Hubbard's,  
then under execution by virtue of an execution, the Comm'th ag'st the  
said Hubbard for the Rev. Tax of 1789. The said Barksdale further  
declaring that the said Read attend himself at the day of sail, when  
there was only two Comm'r's met. We proceeded to the choice of a  
third to value the property of the said Hubbard then under execution.

We were duly sworn by the s'd Sheriff, & the property valued & ex-  
posed to sail by the s'd Sheriff; there was no bidders for the s'd property.

Given under my hand this 6th day of June, 1792.

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This day personally came before me, (a Justice of the piece for the June 6th  
county aforesaid,) Capt. Richard Gaines, & made oath that he did attend Charlotte Co.  
at Col. Wm. Hubards as a Commissioner, in obedience to a summons  
from Maj. Edmund Read, late sheriff of this County, to value property  
to be exposed to sale to satisfy an execution of the Commonwealth  
against the said Hubbard that there was property valued and exposed to  
sale by the said Read, as Sheriff, but there was no buyers.

Given under my hand this 6th of June, 1792.

FRANCIS SCOTT.

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PROCLAMATION.

June 7th

By the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia—A Proclamation: Richmond

Whereas the public interest demands that the General Assembly be  
convened before the time to which they stand adjourned, I have there-

1792. fore thought proper with the advice of the Council of State, to issue  
June 7th this my Proclamation, appointing the First day of October next, for the  
meeting of the said General Assembly, at which time their attendance  
is required at the Capitol in the City of Richmond.

Given under my hand as Governor, and under the seal of the Commonwealth at Richmond, the 7th day of June, 1792.

HENRY LEE.

Attest:

A. BLAIR, C. C.

June 7th

LETTER OF WILLIAM LOWTHER.

D'r Sir,

Morgan-  
town

Agreeable to your request as to my part, as far as relates to my conduct, I will endeavor to give as near as my memory will serve at present, which is as followeth, to-wit: I have under my command by order from the Executive, (in Harrison County,) one Insign, two Sergeants, two Corporals, and forty privates. I was also authorized to appoint two Scouts by the Executive, which I have complied with, and by a letter received from Capt. McMahan of Ohio county was to appoint one more in addition to the two. Capt. McMahan also appointed one in conjunction with the one I appointed by his orders, which four scouts is now under my command, two of which I have at the mouth of the Little Knaway, the other two on the frontiers of the West Fork Settlement. The Rangers I thought proper to submit the distribution to a Council of officers of Harrison, who advised me to station them in three Detachments, which I have done along the West Fork settlement, about forty miles, with a small deviation, to-wit: the little Knaway being an exposed part of the county, and a small station near the mouth. I sent a sergeant and Eleven men with the two Spies or scouts, as above mentioned. In Randolph County I have under my command a Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals, and Twenty-five privates, the distribution of which I also left to a Council of the Randolph County officers, which they have done as followeth. The Lieutenant and fifteen privates including the Sergeant & Corporal, in the upper end of the Valley, and a Sergeant and Eleven men at Buckhanon Settlement. The two Scouts I was authorized to appoint for that County I have also made, and is now under my command with the rest of the Rangers of that place, &c.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient and Humble Serv't.

COLONEL BENJAMIN WILSON TO HONORABLE JAMES WOOD.

1792.

In compliance to the Requisition of the Honorable James Wood, the following Return is made.

June 7th  
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town

1st. The strength of the Militia I cannot ascertain, the County Lieutenant having lately Resigned, and has put no official papers into my hand to enable me to answer, but believes about the number of 400 effective men.

2nd. The private arms and ammunition, the property of the militia are good; a number of arms are still wanting in order fully to supply those who have not been able to procure them by purchase. This Requisition I cannot exactly answer for the Reason above mentioned.

3rd. Public Arms and ammunition has been Received for the use of the County, But Believes some Lack in the quantity of the powder. To this Requisition I cannot fully answer for the Reason aforesaid.

4th. The arms that hath fell into my hands hath been put into the hands of the poor militia on the frontiers; a part of the Powder and Lead that I received were distributed to the respective Captains, and by them Divided to their Companys, with my orders to oblige their men to have the arms and ammunition carefully preserved, and Ready to Render when called upon, unless expended in the public service of the County. The Flints I Received & Divided in same manner and under the same Restrictions. For want of papers from home, I cannot state the full quantity of Arms I Rec'd, nor the quantity of Ammunition. Some of the powder I have Received was also delivered to Capt. Lowther by order of Col. Duvall. A small quantity of Powder I have on hand, and expects about 100 wt. of Lead.

5th. Two scouts I have appointed by order of General James Wood, who are now in service.

STATEMENT AND RETURN OF MILITIA OF JACOB WESTFALL, COUNTY  
LIEUTENANT OF RANDOLPH.

June 7th

Agreeable to the Honorable James Wood's request, I do myself the pleasure to inform you that I am unfortunate enough to not have it in my power to give the nesery information required by your surcular letter to the Deferent officers of this State. As I have brought none of my papers with me. I Rec'd some Arms and Ammunition in 87 or 88, by order of the Executive of this State. I don't recollect of receiving any sence. The Armes is yet on hand, tho' some in bad repair. The ammunition is except a few pounds expended. The arms of the Militia I believe, is in good repair, tho' several have none. The number of the

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town

1792. Militia I suppose to be about 175 or 200. Independent of the two scouts,  
June 7th Major Lowther of Harrison have ordered out in our County; it was  
recommended by a Council of officers to send out two more, which I  
have done accordingly.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Humble Servt.

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June 7th **JAMES WOOD TO THE COUNTY LIEUTENANTS AND FIELD OFFICERS OF  
MONONGALIA, HARRISON, AND RANDOLPH COUNTIES.**

Morgan- James Wood has the honor of presenting his respectful compliments  
town to the County Lientenants and Field officers of Monongalia, Harrison,  
and Randolph, now assembled. He thanks them for their politeness and  
attention in attending agreeably to his request. Previous to their meet-  
ing him in Council to day. He begs they will be prepared to give him  
information on the following points, viz: the strength of their respective  
Militia, with a state of their own Arms and ammunition, an account of  
Public Arms & ammunition which have been furnished from time to  
time to their respective counties; how this species of public property  
has been disposed of, and what parts still remain in store for public use;  
a return of the volunteer Militia now in service; the number of scouts  
now employed; by whom appointed, under what authority; whether of  
the General Government, or by direction of the Executive of Virginia;  
How the Rangers are posted; are they considered as amenable to the  
County Lieutenants or to Captain Lowther? How are the Rangers  
supplied with provisions, and whether the Contractors have entered  
into Bond for the due performance of their Contract?

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June 7th **JOHN EVANS, COUNTY LIEUTENANT OF MONONGALIA, RETURN OF MILI-  
TIA, &c.**

Morgan- In compliance to a requisition of the Honorable General Wood, the  
town following are as near as I possibly can ascertain, not knowing that the  
same would be necessary, untill I arrived in town:

1st. The amount of the Militia exclusive of officers, amount to seven  
hundred and thirty; the arms they possess are good, but few. The public  
arms—muskets; 100 distributed in the county to those who were most  
exposed. The quantity of public ammunition that has been furnished, is  
out of my power at present to ascertain. It has from time to time been  
furnished to the Militia on duty, and to the Militia at different times; the  
quantity remaining on hand of powder is about six pounds—the lead

perhaps from 150 to 200 pounds yet remaining. The Rangers are as follows: One Lieut., two sergeants, two corporals, and twenty privates, and two scouts by order of the Executive of Virginia. The Rangers stationed on three posts, (to-wit): A sergeant and Eight men on Dunken creek; Lieut., two Corporals, and Eight men on papaugh creek; A Sergeant and nine men on Buffalo creek. 1792.  
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The Two scouts above mentioned, makes report to the officer commanding the rangers of this county. The depredations comited on the frontiers of this county, and from frequent applications of the frontier Inhabitants, I was induced to call a council of the Field officers and as many of the captains as could conveniantly be convened; the result of which was that a Lieut. & 30 Militia was actually necessary to be ordered into service for the defence of the frontier; a part of which militia is in service, and hopes that the general, upon a reflection of the distance of the Frontier and the exposed situation of the county, will order that the said 30 Militia be contin'd in service—either with the Lieut. alluded to, or without these, are doing duty, but cannot inform you whether by authority of the general Government, or the Executive of Virginia. Capt. McMahan probably has mentioned this circumstance.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your mo. ob't, Hum. Serv't.

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J. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

June 7th

Gentlemen:

Capt. Newell, the Gentleman whom Mr. Kent has deputed to furnish my Company of volunteer militia with rations, has settled his provision account with me for the last three months & procured receipts for the rations that has been furnished. He has been enabled to do this by satisfying the persons in whose houses seventy-four of my men were quartered, or by giving due bills to the officers & soldiers, who, at any time, might have furnished themselves & others for the amount of rations so furnished to be paid at the contract price. He now goes to Richmond with the hope of receiving his money from Government, which will put him in a situation to discharge these bills and comply with his contracts made with individuals for the supply of provisions. I hope the account not being settled in due form will be no bar to his being paid. I can conceive this could not be adjusted till the expiration of the service—a period too far distant for him to wait for the money he has advanced, or for those with whom he has contracted. We wish to know what shall be considered as the contract price for rations; whether it is eight cents or the price allowed the Contractor till the first of July by this State. Fort Lee  
Bluestone



1792. It would be of singular service to my company & ease to the deputy  
June 7th contractor if two hundred and ten dollars could be advanced him; this  
would be sufficient to purchase provisions for them about one month.  
It would enable him to supply the troops with more punctuality &  
exactness than he has hitherto had it in his power to do from the want  
of money. I hope it will be advanced if not inconsistent with the public  
interest.

Enclosed is an account of tools purchased by me of Capt. Newell for  
the use of the men, which I have paid him for, for which I hope on his  
return to be reimbursed. When the men are discharged these tools no  
longer of service to the public, they can be sold for nearly the sum they  
have now cost.

I am gentlemen, with due respect,  
Your most Obl. H<sup>ble</sup> Servt.

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ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

Washington, June 2, 1792.

Sir,

Your favour by Mr. Hawkins came safe to hand, that by Mr.  
Robert Preston, not until above two months after date. Your idea res-  
pecting the people between Walker and Henderson's Lines will be care-  
fully attended to, and I trust it will have a good effect. My son is going  
on with recounting his quota, having some difficulty to answer the  
objections made respecting rations and pay, from what has already  
taken place. If the first month's wages could be advanced shortly, I  
believe the remaining time would be served with more confidence in the  
public. This sum ought to be delivered to the officers that remitted  
quotas. As they are responsible for necessaries for the men, to fit them  
out for service, the remaining wages ought to be paid by a paymaster  
or some individual not interested to stop the soldiers pay for purposes  
of speculation. The northward Indians have hitherto confined their  
hostilities to Kentucky, where they act more furions than usual. It is  
acknowledged by some of the Cherokee Chiefs that three small parties  
are out to steal horses, and they may steal lives. That they are dis-  
orderly fellows, that they cannot restrain, and will be pleased if  
the white people kill them. These people have committed several  
murders lately in the bound of the S. W. Territory, but the inhabitants  
of Virginia have yet escaped, except a number of horses stolen in  
Powell's valley.

Agreeable to the invitation in your letter, my son William has drawn  
for one hundred dollars. I have become responsible for two dollars to

each man, to be deducted out of the first month's wages; the remainder will be needed to repair guns, purchase Tomhakes, large Knives (which answers the double purpose of a Knife & a durk), and shoes or Mockisons, and some other necessities to enable the men to perform active services. I rejoice that you purpose to see the frontiers yourself. If you cannot, a nomination of some officer of the militia to superintend and report monthly the Conduct of the Captains might have a salutary tendency. For this District, perhaps none would be more suitable than Colo. Daniel Trigg, of Montgomery, who was formerly an officer in the Continental army, and well experienced in Militia matters also.

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I am, Sir, with much Respect,

Your most obedient servant.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL, LIEUTENANT W. COUNTY, TO WILLIAM BLOUNT.

June 7th

Washington, June 6, 1792.

Sir,

I inclose you a copy of a law, with a proclamation of the Governor of Virginia, by the same conveyance. I am instructed to exercise the authority of the state, to the boundary usually called Walker's line. In this business, it is the wish of the Executive that the subordinate officers conduct themselves in an amicable manner to the inhabitants over which North Carolina formerly exercised Jurisdiction, and with due respect to the authority of the government south of the river Ohio; these orders are perfectly consonant to my own feelings and sentiments. Therefore, Sir, if you have any objections to make to the change taking place, or anything to ask in favour of the people. It will be respectfully attended to by me, and immediately reported to the Governor of Virginia.

I am, sir,

Your most obed't Serv't.

A. CAMPBELL TO GOVERNOR BLOUNT.

June 7th

Washington, June 7, 1792.

Sir,

Since my last I feel greatly relieved from what passed at your interview with the Cherokee Chiefs in the towns. Is the Big Acorns friends appeased, or may we expect retaliation? Can the Cherokee hunters be advised not to cross powell's river during the present war with the

1792. Northwards? I will have the line fresh marked by the troops on duty.  
 June 7th from the river to the top of Cumberland mountain, and should you  
 Judge it useful, a correspondence and intercourse by patrols will be  
 kept up between your post near the end of Clinch mountain, (I wish it  
 was on ye River) and over near Cumberland Gap. This may prevent a  
 repetition of the same mistake that happened to ye Big Acorns party  
 more effectually guard our Inhabitants, and ensure the safe passage of  
 the mail on this side the Kentucky boundary.

I am, Sir, &c.

June 8th

ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO HENRY LEE.

Washington, June 8, 1792.

Sir,

In last month I made a tour as far as Cumberland Gap. In the way  
 either going or returning, I conversed with most of the influential char-  
 acters between what is called Walker's & Henderson's lines, and believe  
 that during the course of the summer all will fall in with the change.  
 Their vicinity to the seat of the Southwestern Government, various local  
 conveniency, and an exemption from the payment of taxes are induc-  
 ements to continue; besides a publication in the Knoxville Gazette of  
 March 10th last, said to be the production of Governour Blount, are the  
 reasons usually mentioned against becoming citizens of Virginia.

I enclose a copy of my Communication to the Governor of the S. W.  
 Territory with an intention to know whether he will approve or disap-  
 prove of the change. In a former letter, I mentioned that a new road  
 might be made from this County to Kentucky, and the Miami Settle-  
 ment; that would lessen the distance considerably, be more safer, and a  
 better way. Since I have made enquiry at several Woodmen that have  
 lately traveled over the unfrequented part of the way, and from their  
 information, the conveniency and advantages are more than was first  
 thought of, especially to the operations over the Ohio. But I suppose a  
 Pennsylvania General will hardly countenance the opening and use of a  
 road that may eventually facilitate our intercourse with the Western  
 Indians, and of course enable Virginia to share with that State the  
 profit of the fur Trade. This is a distant consideration, But the saving  
 to the Public Treasury during the present Indian War ought not to be  
 overlooked.

I have the honor to be with much respect, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

GENERAL JAMES WOOD TO COLONEL JOHN EVANS.

1792.

Sir,

The charges of which the enclosed is a copy has been exhibited against you by John Davis, Esq. It has become my duty to lay them before the Governor and Council of state on my return to the seat of Government. In the meantime I think it but Just that you should be made acquainted with the charges.

June 8th  
Morgan-  
town

I have the honor to be very Respectfully, Sir,  
Your very Ob't Serv't.

GENERAL JAMES WOOD TO JOHN DAVIS, Esq.

June 8th

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of this day's date; the charges which you have Exhibited against John Evans, Esq., as County Lieutenant of Monongalia, will be submitted to the Governor and Council of state on my return to the seat of Government. I shall in the meantime furnish Colo. Evans with a copy of the charges.

Morgan-  
town

I have the honor to be with Esteem,  
Y'r mo. Ob't Serv't.

J. WOOD TO THE BOARD OF OFFICERS.

June 8th

The Board of Officers who stand adjourned to 10 o'clk this morning, will be pleased to take into their consideration the memorial of sundry Inhabitants of the county of Monongalia complaining of Neglect of duty in the Scouts & Rangers now in service. The Board will investigate the charges of the complainants, and report the evidence and facts with their opinion thereon, so soon as they shall have completed the same.

Morgan-  
town

GOV. HENRY LEE TO THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF YORK.

June 8th

Sir,

I beg leave through you to communicate to the Worshipful Court of the county of York, my ideas respecting the regulation which governs the Executive in commissioning Justices of the Peace; in obedience to which regulation, the clerk of the Council in my absence, returned the

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recommendation received from you, with the necessary information thereon. It appears that this was duly communicated to the court, who were pleased to direct a copy of the original recommendation to be again forwarded to me.

From this I infer that a doubt exists in the court as to the constitutionality of the usage established by the Executive. It is my wish to remove this doubt, least an adherence to an erroneous opinion may produce inconvenience to the county of York. I acknowledge the constitution to be the only guide for the officers of the Commonwealth, and that it is the duty of all good citizens to resist the usurpation of power by any branch of the Government. Could I, therefore, consider the regulation of the Executive on this point repugnant to the constitution, I should not hesitate in relinquishing it instantly. But the reverse is in my Judgment evident.

The words of the Constitution are, "The Governor with the advice of the privy Council, shall appoint Justices of the peace for the County, and in case of vacancies or a necessity of increasing the number hereafter, such appointments to be made upon the recommendation of the respective County Courts."

Thus originally the appointment of Justices of the peace was vested in the Executive alone, and in cases of vacancies or a necessity of encreasing the number hereafter, such appointments to be made upon the recommendation of the respective County Courts. To know the vacancies which take place, and to Judge of the necessity of increasing the number of the Justices of the peace, it became indispensable to require from the respective Courts a list of the deaths, resignations, and removals of Magistrates, accompanying their respective recommendations. To secure an impartial appointment, experience dictated the propriety of requiring that a majority of the acting Magistrates should be on the bench, and that a certificate from the clerk to this effect, should attend the recommendation, for it sometimes happens that factions prevail among the Justices, and a regard to personal views rather than the public good have guided the recommendation.

The department authorized to commission and to Judge of the necessity of the increase of the number of Magistrates, must also have the power to establish such regulations as tend to the acquirement of the information necessary to their right conduct.

A reference to the Constitution clearly shews that the authority above recited is vested in the Executive, and this being the case, the regulation of the Government on this subject cannot be deemed unconstitutional. I hope my explanation will be satisfactory to the Court, for whom I Entertain all due respect.

I have the honor, &c.

A copy from the Letter Book.

Attest:

SAM'L COLEMAN, A. C. C.

## RESOLUTION OF YORK COUNTY COURT.

1792.

York County Court the 16th day of July, 1792:

The Court took into consideration the Governor's letter addressed to the Clerk of this Court, and after some deliberation thereon came to the following resolution: June 8th

The County Court of York, in answer to the letter from the Governor on the subject of the recommendations of Magistrates, observe that it is their opinion that under the constitution the Court alone have a right to Judge of the necessity of an increase of Magistrates, and of persons proper to fill up vacancies.

They farther conceive that it would be shrinking from a duty the Constitution and their oath impose on them to do anything but to require the appointment conformable to their Recommendation.

And it is ordered that the clerk of this Court transmit a Copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Governor.

Copy—teste:

RO. H. WALLER, C'y C.

## REPORT OF COURT OF ENQUIRY.

June 8th

In compliance to the Request of the General Honorable James Wood, We, whose names are hereunto annexed, have taken into consideration the Memorial of Sundry Persons of the County of Monongalia. Upon hearing the Memorialist and the Evidences Brought before us, we have upon Mature Deliberation, Considered such charges as Come before us, not to be fully supported, and at the same time would not wish to Discourage the good people of this State from Coming forward with their Complaints against the officers of Government, Provided such complaints are made upon Just and supportable Principles.

Morgan-  
town

JACOB WESTFALL, C. L. R. C.  
BENJ. WILSON, Colo. H. C.  
GEO. JACKSON, L. Colo. of Hor.  
DAVID SCOTT, Lt. M. C.  
EDW. JACKSON, L. Colo. R.  
JAMES HANIWAY, Maj'r.

## FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS AT MORGANTOWN.

June 8th

To the Honorable General James Wood:

The Request of the officers of Monongalia, Harrison, & Ran-

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town

1792.      dolph Counties, most Humbly represents That the County of Randolph  
June 8th stands in need of five volentier Militia, In addition to those heretofore  
ordered into service.

Signed by the Field officers Present—

JOHN EVANS, Lieut. of M. C.  
JACOB WESTFALL, Lt. R. C.  
BENJ. WILSON, Col. H. C.  
GEO. JACKSON, L. Colo.  
DAVID SCOTT,  
EDW. JACKSON, L. Col. R.

Sir,  
June 8th      You will be pleased to take under your immediate command the  
Morgan- Detachment of Captain McMachen's company commanded by Lieut.  
town      Evans, which is to be augmented by the enlistment of two Sergeants,  
two Corporals, and twenty-five privates, in which Detachment Levi  
Morgan is to take rank as Ensign. For the present, the whole of this  
party is to be posted agreeably to the advice of the Board of Field  
officers, who made a report on that subject yesterday. I consider that  
the safety of the exposed Inhabitants depends much on the Vigilance  
and fidelity of the Spies employed in the counties of Harrison, Monon-  
galia, and Randolph. To your superintendence and command they are  
committed. It will therefore be necessary for you to give them pointed  
Instructions as to the manner of performing their duty. To you they  
are amenable, and may be removed by you for neglect of duty. Be  
pleased to instruct all your officers to communicate to the county Lieut-  
enant or commanding officer of the Militia every intelligence they may  
receive as to the movements or approach of the Enemy. I am happy  
to find that you stand high in the public estimation. Your thorough  
knowledge of the service renders any particular instructions from me  
unnecessary. I would therefore only suggest it as my opinion that it  
would be proper to direct all the officers under your command to keep a  
regular Journal of their proceedings, to be submitted to your examina-  
tion whenever you call on them for that purpose.

If the good of the service should require it, you will change or make  
any alteration in the position now taken, and when you find it neces-  
sary, reinforce any particular post by drawing part of your command  
from those less exposed. You will be pleased to increase your number  
of spies in Harrison to Ten. In the selection of proper persons, you  
will procure the concurrence of a majority of the Field officers. You  
will likewise add two scouts to those now in service in each of the  
counties of Randolph and Monongalia, and add five privates to your  
company of Volunteer Militia, to be posted at an exposed part of the  
Frontier of Randolph county.

JAS. BAYTOP TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

The defenceless situation of most of the Counties in this State, & June 9th particularly those who have the Blacks in the greatest number, seem to claim the attention of the Executive. The late insurrection on the Eastern Shore of that class of people have alarmed the Counties of Greenbrier & Mathews, and we entreat that the Executive will put arms in our hands that we may use them in our defence, or at least suppress their wrong intentions by a shew of force.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obt.

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BENJ. BERRY, JR., TO JAS. WOOD, ESQ.

June 9th

Sir,

The inclosed is a true Copy of two reprieves which came up for Winchester William Johnson, & as their appears to be a mistake, one being dated the 28th day of May, & the other the 28th day of July, I wish some directions how to proceed in executing the Criminal, or rather to know which Reprieve we are to be directed by.

I am Sir,

Your Humb. Servt.

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Virginia to-wit:

To all to whom these presents shall come, Know ye that I have thought fit, with the advice of Council, to reprieve William Johnstone, who was condemned to death for felony by the late court held in Winchester, untill the first Friday in July next.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant-Governor, in the absence of the Governor and President of the Privy Council, being the first Privy Councillor present, & under the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this 28th day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.



1792. Virginia to-wit:

June 9th

To all to whom these presents shall come, Know ye that I have thought fit, with the advice of Council, to reprieve William Johnstone, who was condemned to Death for Felony by the late District Court, held in Winchester, untill the first Friday in July next.

Given under my hand as Lieutenant-Governor, in the absence of the Governor & president of the Privy Council, being the first Privy Counsellor present, and under the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

June 10th

CHARLES MOSS, JAILOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Suffolk

It becomes a duty incumbent on me to inform your Excellency that on the night of the 11th instant, William Towe, a prisoner confined in my custody as keeper of the District Jail at this place), under sentence of Death passed upon him at the last District Court for Horse-stealing, made his escape out of the said Jail.

I am your Excellency's most H'ble Serv't.

June 11th

RICHARD PARKER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond

Upon reflection and examining the orders of the General Court, I find I was mistaken in the case of Dowdle. He was before Mr. Mereer and myself at the first district court held at Dumfries, but he was not convicted of the offence of coining base money, but acquitted by the Jury alto. the court were clearly of opinion he was guilty.

He was again found guilty of a crime of the same nature at the District court of Dumfries at the term before the last. I can give no account of the Evidence that appeared against him then, as I was not there & had only to pass sentence ag. him the last term.

I have the Honor to be with great Regard, Sir,

Your H'ble Serv.

J. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

Your Excellency's orders to me of the 8th May, with a copy of your letter to Capt. Lewis are now before me. The purport of both I have viewed, and such parts of the letter as affect me I have applied them. I can assure you, sir, that nothing but necessity & the importunities of the frontier inhabitants, but particularly the former could have induced me to distribute any part of my men among the different frontier families. I was as averse to that measure as any man on earth could be, tho' as I observed it was necessary that most forcibly dictated the measures at that time.

June 11th  
Clinch,  
Wythe Co.

The contractor, notwithstanding every exertion he made, could not supply the whole of my Company—only twenty-four of my men were thus dispersed, & these so near each other that in one or two hours they could be collected together fully prepared to march wherever they might have been commanded; the rest I had in two small Garrisons which covered the settlements commanded by my Lieutenant and Ensign and occasionally by myself—from both of which, as well as from the detachment which was quartered in the houses of the citizens, daily ranging parties were sent; (by each of which) those common precautions known to every man, & which danger points out, has been duly observed; that of keeping out centinels to prevent surprise, & also patrols & Guards have kept up about the Garrisons; the men who are billeted will be also drawn into Garrison, now beef is fit for use.

The mode suggested by you that of ranging & holding one position for a few days together only, I will also try, having my Garrisons in case of the approach of a large body of the Enemy, to retire to, or to answer at other times when we return from these long scouts as a resting-place for the troops. We shall then be obliged to use packhorses & procure tools; the charge of which appears not to be provided for. However, I have ventured to purchase the tools on a presumption that Government will reimburse the expence.

The augmentation of scouts to my company will be made when needful. At present they are not wanted, as by exertion & attention to their duty, (which I — from them,) the men now employed can do the business. I dread the expence we shall be to Government, and will only touch the public money when it cannot be avoided, nor employ any one unnecessarily. I have the happiness to inform your Excellency that the enemy have done no damage on that quarter of the Frontier in which I command, nor has any sign been discovered only of a small party, (perhaps two), who either from the approach of one of my ranging parties, or the appearance of so much sign of men, as we make by daily ranging, left the country in haste, without doing any mischief.

1792. The fall of a heavy rain prevented our pursuing them far, or as closely  
June 11th as we intended. Nothing worthy of your attention has happened as yet  
on my Frontier, otherwise I would have taken some opportunity to  
have conveyed it to you. I shall never neglect to give such intelligence  
to your Excellency as I may deem worthy your notice, while

I remain to be with the utmost regard,  
Your Excellency's most ob't h'ble Serv't.

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June 11th

THOMAS WISHART TO THE GOVERNOR.

Worthy Sir,

Suffolk

This will inform you that the Grand Horse Thief, Wm. Towe, made his escape last night from Suffolk Jail, you will (I hope) pardon the liberty that I have taken in giving you this information as it is intended to answer a good purpose. If there was a possibility of his being pardoned it is most earnestly wished here that it may be kept secret as he will quit the place altogether. But as he has been taught to believe by some people in this neighborhood that he would not be executed under the last sentence, we have reason to suppose he will be lurking about the country, &c., until the event of his petition is known. It has been mostly the wish of the people of this county, and also of those in Carolina, (from whence he came), that he should not be pardoned, as his character is so well established as one of the most noted Villains upon Earth.

Should your Excellency think proper to aid his flight by a proclamation, I hope you will in some measure regard a small description I am about to give of his person.

He is about five feet Eight or ten inches high, small limbs, but straight and well made for activity; dark hair, thin face, and a brown complexion; he is very talkative, and uncommonly artful. Should your Excellency not recollect me, I refer you to my worthy friend, the Attorney-General, Mr. Jno. C. Littlepage, or to Mr. Sam'l Greenhow, in & about Richmond.

I am with unfigned respects,  
Your Excellency's most obedient & very H'ble Serv't.

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June 14th

GILBERT CHRISTIAN TO COL. ARTHUR CAMPBELL.

Dear Sir,

Sullivan Co.

Some days past I received a letter from you, requesting me to inform you whether Governor Blount had gave special orders to me to draft between Walker's & Henderson's lines. Sir, my orders is to draft

the men required from the county of Sullivan, which I conceive extends from Henderson's lines, from every thing I have seen or knows, respecting that matter, for when Assembly of North Carolina passed the cession Act, that part was claimed by North Carolina, but after they passed the s'd cession Act, and at the same Assembly they passed a Resolve, giving up that part to Virginia with a condition Congress would consent to it, which has never been done as I know off. I have seen a proclamation from the Governor of Virginia, informing the people in that bounds that the Assembly of North Carolina passed such a Resolve, and at the next year's Assembly they apointed a committee to confirm the s'd Resolve, which they did, but Congress had received the Cession Act before that several months, and apointed and Commissioned Governor Blount to exercise his authority over the ceded Territory. I cannot see what right North Carolina had to say any thing about our Territory without our consent or the consent of Congress, for the Constitution says the people is not to be bound by no law, but by their own consent. Either by themselves or by their representatives in General Assembly. So, Sir, I aprehend the State of Pensilvenia had as great a right to have confirmed the aforesaid Resolve as the State of North Carolina.

If the Exective of your State had mentioned in the Proclamation a confirmation of the Resolve aforesaid by Congress, it might have considered authentick, but as it is I cannot conceive it so.

From your friend and well wisher.

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W. FOUSHEE TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

June 14th

To his Excellency, the Governor, & Honbl. the Executive:

Richmond

The Petition of William Foushee, of the City of Richmond, humbly sheweth That on the 30th of April last, your petitioner was applied to by Mr. Wright Southgate to let Joe, the person condemned in the annexed Record, go down to a magistrate as a witness against Allen, the person in the other annexed Record, who Joe had informed him (Mr. Southgate) the Robbery on the store a few days before, had been committed by; that this being readily granted, the Examining magistrate thought it right to commit them both, which was done in one warrant, *on Suspicion of Felony*; that your petitioner understood & believes that Joe's information against Allen led to the charge & discovery of a Robbery said by Allen to have been committed by Joe several months before, & that Allen was the only witness who gave positive Testimony against Joe on the trial; that your petitioner not knowing when the trial would come on (until two or three hours before it did take place), altho' he made application to Mr. Southgate several times for

1792. information, who always answered he did not know, & which your petitioner believes was truly the case; and that when informed as above, it was by accident and as your petitioner was going out of Town, & could not therefore attend the trial, so that no defence was made for Joe; that your petitioner has subsequently made every enquiry by himself, & requested others, (to-wit, the magistrates of the city), to do the same, & has not been able to obtain information of the smallest charge of a Felonious offence, or indeed even of a Pilfer having ever been affixed to the said Joe other than the one on which he stands now condemned, & tho' the positive Testimony of Allen with some light circumstances which your petitioner cannot think at all material, satisfied the Magistrates in passing the said sentence; yet, as Allen was the person first informed against, & whose testimony was relied on, & who was afterwards burnt in the hand, & no felonious disposition appearing, on enquiry, to have existed in the mind of Joe from any act whatever, this charge excepted. Your petitioner is compelled to think his guilt not evident, or, if guilty, that it is the first offence; & your petitioner is so thoroughly convinced herein, that he is emboldened to ask a pardon for the said slave Joe; & this he trusts will not be considered by the magistrates as any censure on them, declaring that he means none, & that the few circumstances herein mentioned have necessarily been as he conceives in order to make that Just representation to your Honors which the nature of the case requires, & which your petitioner considers himself in duty bound to make in discharge of that protection & solemn obligation in such Cases due from a Master to his slave; to which may be added those feelings of Humanity which will arise in every mind where the accused, on the best information to be Obtained, is thought not to deserve the last & severest rigor of the law, but more particularly as in the present case, where the condemned is believed to be innocent of the charge. And your Petitioner will ever pray.

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June 14th City of Richmond, sep:

Whereas Joe, a negro man-slave, the property of Mr. William Fonshee, and Allen, the property of Mr. Wright Southgate, of the city, was this day, the 30th of April, committed to the Jail of this City by my warrant for suspicion of Felony wherewith they stand charged. Therefore, on behalf of the Commonwealth, I require you that you summon the Magistrates of said City to meet at the Courthouse on Saturday the 5th May, at the hour of 11 o'cl'k in the forenoon, to hold a

court for the trial of said slaves, as by law required and directed; and that you have then there this warrant.

1792.  
June 14th

Given under my hand & seal.

JOHN CUNLIFFE, [Seal.]

A copy—Teste :

ADAM CRAIG, Ck R. H. C.

To the Sergeant of the City of Richmond.

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the City of Richmond, at the Courthouse on Saturday, the fifth of May, 1792, for the trial of Joe, a negro man-slave, the property of Doctor William Foushee, charged with Burglary in feloniously breaking and entering in the night time, the storehouse of Mr. Wright Southgate in this city, and taking therefrom a sum of money to the amount of Ten pounds and upwards.

Present—John Barret, Gent., Mayor; Andrew Ronald, Gent., Recorder; Alexander McRobert, Robert Gamble, Robert Mitchell, David Lambert, & Jno. Lyne, Gent., Aldermen.

The Prisoner was set to the Bar in Custody, and on his trial pleaded not guilty to the charge with which he stands accused; whereupon, sundry Witnesses were sworn, charged, and examined, and the prisoner heard in his own defence.

On consideration whereof, It is the opinion of the Court that the said Joe is guilty of the charge aforesaid, and for the same that he be hanged by the neck until he be dead; and it is commanded the Sergeant of this City that he cause execution of this Judgement to be done at the Gallows to be erected within the said City, on the second Friday in June next, being the Eighth day thereof, between the hours of Ten in the morning and two in the afternoon of the same day; and thereupon, the said Joe is remanded to Jail. The Court value the said slave to Eighty pounds.

The minutes of the foregoing proceedings were signed,

JNO. BARRET, Mayor,  
AND'W RONALD, Recorder.  
A. McROBERT, "  
RO. GAMBLE, "  
ROBT MITCHELL, "  
D. LAMBERT, "  
JNO. LYNE, "

A true copy from the minutes.

Teste :

ADAM CRAIG, C. R. H's C.

The above Trial preceded that of Allen which was on the same day.

1792. At a Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the City of Richmond, at  
June 14th the Court house on Saturday, the fifth day of May, 1792, for the trial of  
Allen, a negro man-slave, the property of Mr. Wright Southgate, charged  
with felony in entering the store house of the said Southgate, and tak-  
ing therefrom Money to the amount of three pounds, twelve shillings.

Present.—John Barret, Gent., Mayor; Andrew Ronald, Gent., Recor-  
der; Alexander McRobert, Robert Gamble, Robert Mitchell, David Lam-  
bert and John Lyre, Gent. Aldermen.

The Prisoner was set to the Bar in custody, and on his trial pleaded  
not guilty to the charge with which he stands accused; whereupon sun-  
dry Witnesses were sworn, charged and examined, and the prisoner  
heard in his own defence. On consideration whereof, It is the opinion  
of the Court, that the said Allen is guilty of the charge afore, and for  
the same, that he be burnt in his left Hand, which being done in open  
Court it is further ordered that he receive Twenty-five Lashes on his  
bare back at the publick whipping post, well laid on by the Constable,  
and that he be then discharged out of custody.

The minutes of the foregoing proceedings were signed,

JNO. BARRET, Mayor.

A true copy from the minutes,

Test:.

ADAM CRAIG, C. R. H's. C.

June 14th ROBERT GOODE AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond Agreeable to your request, we beg leave to Lay before you and the  
Council, a copy of our proceedings respecting the contract with Moses  
Austin & Co. No. 1 is a copy of our Resolutions of the 8th day of May  
last. No. 2 is a copy of a letter of the 12th inst. Besides the preced-  
ing, frequent applications have been made at various times since the  
Roof was supposed to be finished, and since the said Moses Austin & Co.  
received payment agreeable to the Directors of the Assembly, and the  
Directors have been uniformly armed with promises of compliance on  
their part. Mr. Bates and Mr. Morgan, who have now the manage-  
ment, have informed us this morning, that as soon as the weather per-  
mits they will set about the work. In the present state of the Roof the  
Directors conceive that some decisive measures should be taken, & beg  
the advice of the Board therein.

Mr. Minor will soon furnish the entablature, & it is indispensibly necessary to convey the water from the outlets of the Roof by wall pipes of Lead; it will also be proper to plaister the ceiling of the portico to prevent the wind from displacing any part of the Entablature. For these the Directors have no funds, & they beg the Executive to consider whether they can enable them to proceed in the work. No. 3 will shew the sum that is necessary.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully, Sir,  
Your must ob. Serv'ts.

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No. 1.

June 14th

At a meeting of the Directors of the Public Buildings held at the Senate Room the 8 day of May, 1792:

Present: Richard Adams, Robert Goode, William Foushee, & William Hay. The Directors having taken into consideration the present state of the Capitol, & a proposal from John Emery to compleat the same, & repair the Gutter, in terms of his contract with Moses Austin & Co., & agreeable to Moses Austin's & Co. contract with the directors, Resolved that unless the said Moses Austin & Co., upon application to them made, do immediately compleat the Roof & Gutters in terms of their contract, that the said John Emery be employed to do it at the expence of the said Moses Austin & Co., so far as respects the materials & a Labourer, The said Emery devoting his own services without any charge to the Public.

Resolved that Dabney Minor be directed to whitewash the Pedestals upon the top of the Capitol, & the Pilasters with Stone Lime, with a mixture of Lamp black to give it the resemblance of stone, & that Nicholas Voss, for Edward Voss, be required to fill up the putlock holes, while he may do it conveniently by the means of the scaffolding erected by Dabney Minor.

(Signed)

RICHARD ADAMS,  
For the Directors.

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No. 2.

June 14th

Richmond, June 12, 1792.

Gentlemen,

The great injury which the Capital has sustained, & is daily sustaining by your failing to make the Roof tight, obliges me in the



1792. name of the Directors, to inform you, that unless you do without delay  
 June 14th stop the leak & complete your contract, your Bond will be put in suit, in order to recover of you Damages adequate to the injury which the Building has sustained.

Applications have frequently been made to you without effect, & the proposal of Mr. Emery has been communitated to you, with which, from its Reasonableness, it was hoped you would comply, but still the completion of the roof is delayed. His Excellency the Governor, sent for me to-day in order to observe the ruin caused by the defects in the covering; no alternative remains but to employ some able workman to do what you have failed to do, & to recover on your Bond all Damages incident to your contract. You will please therefore to attend to this communication, & return your answer in three days.

I am on behalf of the Directors of the Public Buildings, Gent.,  
 Your most ob. Serv't,

WM. HAY.

Messrs. Moses Austin & Co. or their manager in Richmond.

June 14th

No. 3.

Statement of the expence of the wall pipes, the plaistering of the Ceiling, & the covering of the Pedestal cornice:

4,000 lbs. Lead for 8 wall pipes @ 9d. p. lb.,	-	-	£150, 0s, 0d.
450 y'rds of Plastering in the Ceiling of the Portico @	-	-	
2s, 6d.,	-	-	56, 5 0
3 Tons of Lead for covering the Pedestal Cornice & work-	-	-	
manship,	-	-	138, 0 0
			£344, 5s, 0d.

N. B.—The Directors have received no proposals from Mr. Emery about the Lead & workmanship, or from Mr. Kay about the plaistering, & therefore the measurement & price of each in the above estimate is put down upon the best information the Directors can now obtain. The covering of the Pedestal may be delayed until the Assembly meets, but the other two appear to the Directors to be indispensable at present.

REWARD FOR WILLIAM TOWE.

1792.

By the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia—A Proclamation: June 14th

Whereas William Towe, who was convicted of Horse-stealing at Richmond the last District Court held at Suffolk, hath made his Escape from the Jail of the said District, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council of state, to issue this my Proclamation, offering a reward of One hundred Dollars to any person who shall apprehend and deliver to the Jailor at Suffolk the aforesaid Criminal.

Given under my hand as Governor, and under the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this 14th day of June, 1792.

[Seal.]

HENRY LEE.

The above-named William Towe is about 5 feet, 8 or 10 inches high, small limbs, but straight and well made for activity, dark hair, thin face, and a brown complexion; he is very talkative, and uncommonly artful.

HENRY BANKS TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 16th

Sir,

I have the honor to refer the inclosed to the Executive, and as difficulty or injury may attend any Liquidation, it is proposed that the Treasurer be directed to make the payment in Tobacco agreeably to the Decree, or if that cannot be done, that the Auditor be directed to issue warrants for the Tobacco to be rec'd by the Treasurer from Sheriffs and others in payment.

To this I am the more induced, as I wish to appropriate a part to a payment due from Mr. Dixon, of Gloster, and a part toward a Balance due from the Estate of Gerard Banks, formerly a sheriff of Stafford.

I have the honor to be,  
Y'r Excellency's most ob. serv't.

LIST OF PUBLIC ARTICLES SOLD THE 17TH JUNE, 1792.

June 17th

500 lbs. weight of Rifle & Fuzee barrels, @ 15s.,	-	£3, 15s, 0d.
217 Holsters & Sword-Belts, - - -	-	2, 0 0
2 p'r Spears, & 2 pair ½ lb. Twine 4d., 16 y'rds, 5s, 4d, -	-	7 8
180 lbs. Sulphur @ 19d, 34s, 2d, 11½ lb. Thread, 4d, -	-	1, 18 2

1792.	6 oxen £25, 1s, 0d, 113 Stump-Irons, 12s, 1 wagon cover,	
June 17th	(old), 4s, - - - - -	25, 17 0
	58 mail pillions, 5 & 1s, 1 cross-cut saw, 7s, 6d, 1 whip	
	saw, 10s, - - - - -	3, 15 6
	1 sett of wagon wheels, 72s, - - - - -	3, 12 0
	11½ oz. Callimel, 5s, 4d, 310 Hooks & Eyes, 1s, 3d, 6 bot-	
	tles m. Drops, 1s, 1d, - - - - -	7 7
	34 lbs. Epec. @ 1s, 6d, 1 p'r old money-scales, 2s, alloes &	
	antimony, 30s, - - - - -	1, 13 6
	90 p'r overalls, £11, 50s. 100 Coats, £50, 0s, 0d, - - -	61, 5 0
	38 Coats—Damaged & of inferior quality, - - -	12, 8 0
	356 vests @ 2s, 8d, £47, 9s, 0d; 95 do. inferior @ 2s,	
	£9, 10s, 0d, - - - - -	57, 2 0
	244 ditto, do., - - - - -	32, 10 8
	15 ordinary Sarg't Jackets, @ 1s, 6d, - - -	1, 2 6
	400 Horseman caps, - - - - -	20, 0 0
	76 Ditto damaged, - - - - -	1, 18 0
	1,500 lbs. old Gun-Barrels, - - - - -	15, 0 0
	1,000 lbs. ditto, - - - - -	8, 11 6
	500 lbs. old Locks, &c., - - - - -	5 0
	1 Negro man, David, - - - - -	66, 0 0
		£319, 9s, 1d.

Excepted.

The above is a true statement of the am't of sales made by Elias Langham, Superintend't for the State of Virg'a, on the 17th of June, 1792. The several articles being sold in small Lotts to suit purchasers, and the several prices entered and carefully averaged and entered above.

JOHN McDONALD.

June 18th

ARCH'D WOODS TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JAMES WOOD.

D'r Sir,

Sorry I am to trouble your Honor & the Executive with business of a small magnitude. However I am under the necessity of informing you that it is a matter of controversy Between Capt. McMahon & myself, with respect to the Rations, in particular the quart of salt; whether I as contractor, am to furnish a quart of salt to every hundred Rations, or one only to every hundred of Fresh provisions. Now, Sir, you know that 15 lbs. of Pork makes 100 Rations, ½ lb. to the Ration, & it appears unreasonable that the like quantity of salt should be issued to 75 lbs. pork. If salt already that is issued to 100 lbs. of

Beef Fresh, when we generally put in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Bushell of salt in every Barrell of salt pork when first salted, or Beef, or upwards. I proposed leaving the matter to custom, or to the contract made by the Federal contractor, but Capt. McMahan would not, & I have appealed to those that have heretofore furnished in this country. It appears they have not, so I conceive I have not a right so to issue without the Executive should order me, in which case, I should conceive very hard, however, I submit the matter to you, & hope you will consider the matter and Let me know what is right to be done in the present case. No news worth relating, only the present company of Rangers in this county is nearly completed by Ensign Wills: and some few indians have made their appearance in our Casts since you ware with us.

1792.  
June 18th

I am, Sir, with due respect,  
Your ob't humble Serv't.

Please excuse hast, Sir.

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J. PENDLETON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 19th

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing the Liquidation of Mr. Banks to b'ce claim w'ch was submitted to the hon'ble the Executive last Saturday, and w'ch, under the 1st of second section of the Revenue Law of '88, (Chap. LXXX), seems to have been pertinently submitted to them. I enclose the papers respecting the claim of Mr. Banks, settled by order of the hon'ble Board, the 23rd May, 1789, to shew that the account is commercial. The sum Just now allowed by the chancellor being part of that claim.

Auditor's  
office

I have the honor to be with respect,  
Y'r Ex'y's most ob. Serv't.

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A. WAGGENER AND MOSES HUNTER TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 19th

Berkeley County, 14th June, 1792.

To Henry Lee, Esquire, Governor of Virginia, and the Honorable Gentlemen of the Council:

Gentlemen,

Suffer us at this time to solicit a pardon for John Crane, who is under sentence for the death of Abraham Vanhorn. It is our opinion, as well as the opinion of many others, that there are circum-

1792. stances attending the unhappy cause of this affair, which ought strongly  
 June 19th to recommend the unfortunate prisoner to your notice and serious attention. I presume it will be well certified to you that previous to the unhappy event taking place, he had frequently been seized with violent convulsions, which deprive him entirely of his senses. We believe passion was one great cause of this misfortune, and we believe, at least it is highly probable that the prisoner was in this state when the deceased Abraham Vanhorn Received his wounds. We do not wish to reflect upon the deceased, nor can we presume to Justify what the Prisoner has been guilty of, but we beg leave to remark that if the party who were going home from Campbell's harvest field, one of which was Mr. Vanhorn, was, had have taken the nearest and common rout, and had not called upon Crane, he would not have been thrown into this violent passion, which so frequently deprived him of his reason, and the melancholy event could not have happened. It is unnecessary for us to say more on this subject. We hope you will not think us impertinent for having said so much. If so we can only beg pardon and plead that it proceeded from a human heart, and a wish to make happy an innocent and worthy wife aged and respectable parents, all of whose hearts are at present bleeding for the situation of the unfortunate prisoner. We will just give it as our opinion, that if the languishing prisoner could be so happy as to receive your merciful interference in his favor, he would in future become a peaceable, orderly and valuable citizen. We beg leave to subscribe ourselves,

Your Excellency's & Honor's obedient Servants.

Berkeley County:

Whereas application has been made to us, the subscribers, by John Crane, the father of John Crane, Jun'r, now in confinement of the Jail for the District Court of Winchester, and under sentence for the murder of Abraham Vanhorn, and it being represented to us that at the trial of the said offence, the prisoner has been deprived of some of his material evidences, particularly a certain Hugh McDonald, whom (after the said trial), appears to us has given his deposition respecting the circumstances before several Justices of the Peace for the said County.

We, the subscribers do hereby certify from under our hands, that the said Hugh McDonald has been a resident in these parts for many years; That he is a very sober, industrious & honest young man, and

that we can give credit to any Testimony the said Hugh McDonald has or may hereafter have occasion to give.

1792.  
June 19th

Witness our hand this 29th Day May, 1792.

THOMAS WHITTAKER,  
GEO. MATHEWS,  
WILLIAM BROMLEY,  
JOHN COOKE,  
WILLIAM LITTLE,  
WILLIAM CHERRY,  
J. MAY,  
REZIN ROD.

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ROBERT THROCKMORTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 19th

Dear Sir,

I have taken the Liberty of wrigthing to you and your Hon- Berkeley Co. ourable Council, concerning young John Crane, who is now under sentence of Death, and none but you can save him. I was at his Tryal and heard the witnesses which were much prejudiced against him, and by appearance would say as much as they could against and as little in his favour. One thing has much weight with me, which is after their day's work was done, they went to Crane's House, where it do not appear they had any business but to renew a quarrell that had Ran very high the preceeding day. It likewise appears that Crane was Ingaged with two men partly at the same time. A man in that situation would be likely to do all he could to defeat his adversary; for when a man is fighting, he has little time to reflect, but it seems natural for him to do all he can to extricate himself, and other circumstances is his being at times deprived of his reason by Fits. I would likewise observe that the Jury were divided, and could not agree; that the foreman and four others, perhaps the ablest of them, were in his favour—the Judges were also divided; from those considerations, and from what several of witnesses say concerning the affair, the two men being in contact with him at the same time, seems to satisfy me that Crane ought not to suffer Death.

I therefore recommend him as an object of attention, and humbly solicit a pardon for him which will restore an industrious young man to his friends, and perhaps lengthen the days of his venerable parents, his mother especially, who is thought will not surmonnt the shock, should he be executed. I therefore most sincerely Intreat you to give ease to the aching hearts of his parents, his distressed wife & friends, by pardoning him.

And I have honor to be,

Your mo. ob't, H'ble serv't.

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A. QUARRIER, &amp; OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Sir,

June 19th On the 16th Instant, the Citizens associated as a Company of Artillery in the City, made a choice of us as their officers. We would therefore beg leave to request your Excellency will, in such way as appears most proper, anticipate the proposed organization of the militia, and give such countenance to our views as will influence the suspended in opinion, and stimulate the whole to an appearance and conduct of respectability and order.

We have the honor to be, with respect,

Your Excell'y's most ob't Serv'ts.

June 20th

N. WILKINSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

I am informed your Honorable Board have come to a resolution to put arms into the hands of the militia, provided the respective County Lieutenants would make themselves responsible for them when call'd for by the Executive. Capt'n Quarrier, of the City of Richmond, has requested me to draw 64 stand with the accoutrements for the use of his Company, for which he has promised to indemnify me as County Lieutenant. Be pleased, therefore, to deliver to him or his order the above number of Arms, &c., as I have the most ardent desire to promote military Emulation.

& am, with the highest esteem & regard,

Your Excellencie's mo. ob., H'ble Servant.

June 20th

WM. RAMSAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Alexandria A young Negro, a valuable Tradesman in this Town, is condemned to die on the 10th of next month. His Master employed no Attorney, and it is the general opinion he has a much greater regard for the high value set upon his negro than for Life. From our long friendship, I petition you to pardon him. Grant my request, and highly oblige

Your sincere friend.

J. AMBLER, TREASURER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

There are about 220,000 lbs. of Tobacco in the Treasury, which I purpose selling at Public Auction on the 11th of next month, allowing the former credit if it meets the approbation of the Hon'ble Board.

June 20th  
Treasury

I am with great respect,  
Your Excellency's mo. ob't Serv't.

COL. THOMAS NEWTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 20th

Sir,

I received the arms allotted for the use of the Borough of Norfolk, some of them out of order, a particular return of which, I am not at present in my power to make. As soon as I can ascertain it, I will. Many Gentlemen have apply'd to me for the use of them, and will give their notes for a safe return of those they take, or pay their value. I shall be obliged for your Exr'y's instructions whether they may let them out on the above terms. I shall be also glad to know whether I may employ an armourer to put such as are not in condition for use, in order.

Norfolk  
Borough

I am most respectfully,  
Your ob't Servant.

JAMES BRECKINRIDGE TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 21st

Sir,

Your Excellency's Letter of the 15th of March last, with a statement of the steps requisite for Capt. James Thompson & others, who were plundered of their slaves by certain persons now resident in so-western Territory, to take, came safely to hand. In consequence thereof, three Bills of Indictment were at last Washington District Court preferred to the grand Jury & found true; copies of which are inclosed. Should these Documents be thought sufficient to Justify a demand of the accused. I am requested by Capt. Thompson & the other sufferers to solicit the aid of Government, in endeavoring to bring the persons accused to a speedy trial. I have not learned whether your Excellency's letter to Gov. Blount has enabled the sufferers to regain their property. It is thought of consequence by the Inhabitants of Washington

Botetourt



1792. District, that Gov't should act with effect upon these offenders. Should  
June 21st the clause of the constitution which embraces this case, be so doubtful  
or indefinite as to prevent the interposition of your Excell'y, it is feared  
those persons will prove troublesome and dangerous in future.

I have the honor to be, with great respect & esteem,  
Y'r Excell'y's mo. ob't Serv't.

Virginia—Washington District Court, May Term, 1792:

The Jurors for the Commonwealth empannelled for the Counties of Wythe, Washington, and Russell, upon their Oaths present that Elizabeth Pangle, spinster, about five feet, five or six inches high, of the age of Twenty-five or Twenty-six, or thereabouts, of a fair complexion, wife of Frederick Pangle, late of the parish of ———, and County of Wythe, on the fifteenth day of August, One thousand seven hundred and Ninety-one, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid and County aforesaid, and within the Jurisdiction of the District Court composed of the Counties of Wythe, Washington, and Russell, one negro woman-slave named Amey of the price of One hundred pounds, the property of one John Breckenridge then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away, and the said Elizabeth did flee from Justice to the Territory of the United States of America, southwest of the Ohio River, to the great damage of the said John Breckenridge, and against the peace and dignity of our said Commonwealth.

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE,  
Farmer, Wythe County, prosecutor.

A True Bill.

SAM'L EDMISTON, Foreman.

Copy—Teste:

CLAIBORNE WATKINS, C. D. C.

Virginia—Washington District Court, May Term, 1792:

The Jurors for the commonwealth, empannelled for the Counties of Wythe, Washington and Russell, upon their Oath, present, that Valentine Vanhoozer, farmer, of stature about five feet, nine inches high, of sandy complexion, late of the parish of Washington and County of Washington, on the twenty-sixth day of December, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety-one, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid, and in the county aforesaid, and within the Jurisdiction of the District Court composed of the counties of Wythe, Washington and Russell, one negro man-slave named Lewis, of the price of one hundred and Twenty pounds, the property of one James Thompson, then and there found, feloniously did steal, take and carry away, and fled from Justice to the

Territory southwest of the Ohio, to the great Damage of the said 1792.  
James Thompson, and against the peace and dignity of the Common. June 21st  
wealth.

JAMES THOMPSON,  
Farmer, Washington County, Prosecutor.

A True Bill,

SAM'L EDMISTON, Foreman.

Copy—Teste:

CLAIBORNE WATKINS, C. D. C.

Virginia—Washington District Court, May Term, 1792:

The Jurors for the Commonwealth embodied for the Counties of Washington, Wythe and Russell, upon their Oath present, that Jacob Vanhoozer, farmer, about six feet high, of a sandy complexion, late of the parish of Montgomery and County of Washington, on the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand, seven hundred and Ninety, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid and the County aforesaid, and within the Jurisdiction of the District Court composed of the Counties of Wythe, Washington, and Russell, one negro man-slave, named Bob, of the price of one hundred and thirty-four pounds, the property of Jessee Evans, then and there found, feloniously did steal, take, and carry away and fled from Justice to the Territory of the United States of America, southwest of the River Ohio, to the great damage of the said Jessee Evans, and against the peace and Dignity of the Commonwealth.

JESSEE EVANS,  
Yeoman of Wythe County, prosecutor.

A True Bill.

SAM'L EDMISTON, Foreman.

Copy—Teste:

CLAIBORNE WATKINS, C. D. C.

JOHN JACKSON DAVIS TO THE HON'BLE JAMES WOOD, ESQ.

June 21st

Sir,

I conceive it a duty I owe to my country, and in a special manner at this time now, we are honored with your presence to hear our complaints, to inform you that Col'n John Evans, who hath been entrusted with the care of the publick property, to-wit: the arms and ammunition, and also placed here by his country as a Guardeen of their Interest,

Morgan-  
town

1792. bath not only squandered the powder and Lead at shooting matches &  
 June 21st otherwise, but hath suffered his family to sell and barter it away for  
 their own private interest, and hath also countersigned and certified a  
 pay-roll as County Lieutenant for his son-in-law, Capt. Jno. Dent,  
 without a public investigation, after he, (John Evans), had been informed  
 that he, Dent and his men had not performed the service therein set  
 forth, on which pay roll the money was drawn out of the Public Treas-  
 ury, on both which subjects I hope to be heard by your honor.

I have the honor to be with due respect, Sir,  
 Y'r obedient Servant.

June 21st

JOHN EVANS TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council of the  
 Commonwealth of Virginia:

Impressed with the deepest concern to find that a few ambitious  
 individuals, at this late period of the Business, have undertaken to lodge a  
 complaint against me as touching my conduct as Lieut. of Monongalia  
 County. True it is, I have been honored with that office since the year  
 1778, at which time I was in the Indian Country in the service of my  
 country, when my fellow county men put their confidence in me, since  
 which time, have made it my constant study to arrange Business the  
 most favourable in that part of Government, with the least expence,  
 which I can prove by a Majority of the first characters in this County.  
 The first charge alluded to respecting the arms and ammunition, I  
 utterly deny. The arms I have distributed to those most exposed,  
 agreeable to my instructions, and the powder and Lead likewise, except  
 some trifle that might have been made use of on my own plantation in  
 shooting squirrels, &c., which I do not deny, and hope that will not be  
 counted criminal. As to one ounce being disposed of, I do deny so far  
 as ever came within my knowledge, and as to countersigning a pay-roll  
 wherein duty was not performed, appears to me absurd in itself. The  
 officer who commanded the party made oath to his pay-roll, which re-  
 quired my signature, but never heard that the duty was not performed,  
 nor even had any complaints lodged on account of the same.

I hope, Gentlemen, when you view the face of the paper and the facts  
 stated, you will have it in your power to conceive the Malitious intent  
 of the same, as I hope the Honorable James Wood will have it in his  
 power to give satisfaction to your Honors. I submit it to your Wisdoms,  
 knowing that Justice will be done to State and Individual.

And have the honor, Gent'n, with the greatest respect, to be,  
 Your most Ob't Hum. Serv't.

JAMES WOOD'S ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES.

1792.

Dr. The Commonwealth,

June 21st

To James Wood:

1792. To Cash paid for my Travelling Expenses; 39 days in going to the Western frontier on publick Business by direction of the Executive @ 15s,	
3d. p'r day on an average, - - -	£29, 14s, 9d.
To Cash paid for an Express & Horse hire, - - -	6, 4 0
To Do. for postage of Letters, - - -	11 6
	£36, 10s, 3d.
Cr. By Cash from the Treasury, - - -	18, 0 0
Balance due, - - -	18, 10 3
	£36, 10 3

E. E.

JAMES WOOD.

HENRY LEE TO SAM'L COLEMAN.

June 23d

Deliver to the County Lientenant of Henrico, 64 stand of Arms belonging to the Public now in your care, and take his receipt for the same, making him answerable for them in Kind.

Council Chamber

ALEX. MARTIN TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 24th

Sir,

Your Excellency's letter with an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, concerning the southern boundary of that state, came to hand towards the close of the last session of the General Assembly of this State. On the reception of these communications, I did myself the honor to lay them before that Body, and urged the necessity of their acting upon them; but the hurry the members were in to finish the session, which had been long, and return to their homes, prevented the taking up of this business, and the same was postponed to the next session.

North Carolina

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's most Obedient, Humble Servant.

1792.

## JOHN HILL TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

June 25th  
King Wil-  
liam Co.

Having been informed by Colo. Temple and Maj. Ragsdale, that you think there would be no impropriety in my continuing to act as High Sheriff till November Court, I hereby take the liberty of notifying to your Excellency my willingness to Continue in office till that period arrives. I have given security for the collection of the Taxes, and do presume to beleive that the business would go on more smoothly and with more advantage to the Public than if a change was now made.

I have the honor to be, with much Respect,  
Your Excellency's most ob't serv't.

June 25th

## A. QUARRIER'S RECEIPT FOR ARMS.

Henrico

Received of Cap'n Samuel Coleman, assistant clerk to the Council, sixty-four stand of Arms, for the use of Capt. Alex. Quarrier's Company of Militia in the City of Richmond; which are to be returned when demanded by the Governor & Council.

NATH'L WILKINSON, County Lieut.,  
A. QUARRIER.

Test:

GEORGE RAWLINGS.

N. B.—Each of the above stand of Arms consisted of A musket, A Bayonet, & Cartridge Box.

SAM. COLEMAN.

June 25th

## A. QUARRIER'S RECEIPT FOR ARMS.

Received of Colonel Nathaniel Wilkinson, Comty Lieutenant of Henrico, sixty-four stand of Arms, consisting each of a musquat, Bayonet, and Cartridge Box, which I promise to return in good order to the said Nathaniel Wilkinson, when thereto required.

Given under my hand at the Capitol, this 25th day of June, 1792.

Test:

SAMUEL COLEMAN.

JOS. JONES AND OTHERS, JUDGES OF THE GENERAL COURT, TO THE GOVERNOR. 1792.

Sir,

We had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 19th instant, whilst sitting in Court, and should have taken it into consideration and returned you answer sooner had the nature of the business before us offered an interval of leisure for the purpose. As Judges of the General Court, we have caused an order to be entered on the Court's minute Book, that the several District Court Clerks upon the conviction of a criminal, do without delay transmit to the Executive a copy of the record of every such conviction. Certified Copies of this order will be delivered the clerks by the Judges on their next circuit, and will, we expect, stimulate the clerks to be more punctual in transmitting the records of conviction to the honorable board, than from your Excellencie's information hath heretofore taken place. We have no doubt the Judges of the Several District Courts will, upon every information or knowledge of the misconduct of their Jailors, take the most effectual and legal means to bring them to Justice, and will communicate to the Executive such instances of misbehavior in the Jailors as may require the animadversion or interference of the Executive—further powers they have not. It may not, however, on the present occasion, be improper to observe that the Jails in general where the District Courts are held, are insufficient for the safe-keeping the offenders committed to them; which occasions a very heavy public expense for Guards beyond what would be incurred if proper Prisons were provided.

June 25th  
Richmond

We have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's Ob't, Hbl. serv'ts.

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H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 25th

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th Instant. The hopes which have been formed of the re-establishment of the tranquility of the frontiers, have been in consequence of the measures which have been directed for that purpose, and of the information received from time to time. Although some disturbances have arisen on the southwestern frontiers, owing to the irregular and unjustifiable conduct of the violent and lawless on both sides, yet expectations have been entertained that the exertions of Governor Blount, and the Cherokees who visited this City last spring, together with the proposed Conference at Nashville in this or the next month with the Chickasaws, and Choctaws would have the

War  
Department

1792. effect to prevent any further misunderstandings in that quarter, and to  
 June 25th settle past differences. But whether these hopes shall be realized, cannot be ascertained at present. Events may arise which will frustrate the best founded expectations. The last information received from Governor Blount was dated the 16th May. Affairs then seemed somewhat ticklish, but as nothing further has been received, it has been hoped that the recent ferment had subsided. Perhaps your Excellency may have intelligence of a later date; if so, I should thank you for the communication of it.

With great respect, I have the honor to be,  
 Your Excellency's most obedient, Hum. Servant.

June 25th

CHARLES MOSS, JAILOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Suffolk

In obedience to your Excellency's command of the 16th Instant, I proceed to give an account of the escape of William Towe, which I should have done at the time of his escape but for a severe spell of sickness, under which I was labouring when he broke Joal. Previous to going into particulars, I conceive it my duty to inform your Excellency that the Joal of which I am keeper is by no means equal to the safe keeping of criminals. At the setting of the first District Court an enquiry was made, and several Gentlemen appointed for the purpose, who reported that considerable repairs and additions was necessary; this report, as I am informed, was certified to the Executive, but nothing has been done. The Joal stands in an open and detached situation, not even enclosed by a wall; and as easy access is had to the prisoner through the windows, so it was that during my illness Towe provided himself with a large spike, gimblett, and a chisel, and by boring with the gimblett and prising with the chisel, he first penetrated through the floor, and then through a sleeper, taking up the part cut off he proceeded to the underpinning—being brick, through which he made his escape with fetters on in the night time. No doubt he was a day or two at work, for the hole cut in the floor was concealed under the bed on which the prisoner lay, which prevented even the smallest suspicion. Thus, Sir, have I gone through the painful task of a recital of what night, with any but liberal minds, carry a suspicion of my being accessory to Towe's escape. I trust, however, your Excellency will not decide to my prejudice; to which, I am certain you will not be induced were you possessed of a personal knowledge of my character, which I trust is unimpeachable.

I have the honor to be,  
 Your Excellency's most H'ble Serv't.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

Sir,

The enclosed letter from the commanding officer of the Militia of Sullivan County seems to be an avowal of an opposition to an act of our Legislature, for establishing Walker's line as the boundary of this state. June 25th Washington

That I conceive it my duty to forward it to your Excellency. About half of the inhabitants between the lines seems desirous to be governed by the laws of Virginia, but they complain of it as an oppression to be harrassed by the authority of the S. W. Territory, and to pay obedience to the laws of this state at the same time.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

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W. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 29th

Sir,

The arms sent down by the Executive were delivered to the commanding officer of the Borough, who has retained 150 stand, the rest (450), are in my possession, as also 450 cartridge Boxes. 150 I have sent to the Borough. The muskets are in most infamous order, and it was adjudged by the field officers of this place that they ought to go through the hands of an armourer without loss of time. I have hired one for the purpose, and make no doubt it will meet with the approbation of your Excellency & the executive. The Bayonets are also very rusty. Portsmouth

I am your Excellency's ob't Servt.

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H. KNOX, SEC'Y OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

June 30th

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th of June.

War  
Department

The militia which your Excellency has ordered out in consequence of arrangements made by the authority of the President of the United States, will be repaid promptly to your order, on the evidence being examined by the accountant of this office. It is however to be understood to be limited to the sums stipulated by the Acts of Congress. The additional force ordered out by the Lieutenant Governor would appear to



1792. be necessary. Two companies of riflemen raising in Green Briar and  
 June 30th Botetourt Counties of Virginia, are to rendezvous at the mouth of the  
 Great Kenhawa for the purpose of being clothed and equipped, but they  
 will not be stationed there for any given period. This point however, will  
 be regulated by the Commanding General of the Troops. All the recruits  
 excepting small parties at each rendezvous have been ordered some time  
 past to repair to the Ohio by the routes which have been directed. Delays  
 have taken place at some rendezvous, from the non arrival at the times  
 expected of clothing or other necessary equipments. Governor Blount  
 in a letter of the second instant, gives such information of the pacific  
 dispositions of the great mass of the Cherokees, that hopes are enter-  
 tained of the entire re-establishment of tranquility with that tribe. On  
 the twenty-third day of May, he met a great number of chiefs and  
 people of all descriptions at one of the Indian Towns called Coyatte,  
 & received from them great satisfaction as to the sincerity of their dis-  
 positions for peace.

They had appointed a still more general Assembly to be held at Esta-  
 naula, the 23rd of June, at which it was expected that everything now  
 in dispute would be amicably adjusted. Upon receiving the result of  
 this meeting, it shall be communicated to your Excellency.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
 Your most obed. servant.

June 30th

J. PEYTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 Winchester Your favor of the 26th instant, was this day put into my hands by  
 Express, and have now to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

As my small services have at all times been devoted to my Country,  
 so I shall be particular in the execution of this business without loss of  
 time, being well apprised of the necessity; and when effected, will do  
 myself the honor of communicating the same to you as required. I  
 have not enquired whether the ammunition can be had in this place,  
 tho' presume it may. I have also attended to the forwarding of your  
 packet of Letters, also delivered me by the same hand to the several  
 persons to whom addressed.

And have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your most Obedient servant.

List of Warrants, except Interest on Certificates issued by the auditor, 1792.  
from the first of May, to the 30 June, 1792:

Off's Government:

May					£24,	0s,	0d.	June 30th
	1. Joseph Jones, -	-	-	-	-	37,	10	0
	Geo. Nicholas, -	-	-	-	-	3,	15	3
	Christ Greenup, -	-	-	-	-	13,	0	0
	3. Philip Taliaferro, -	-	-	-	-	6,	18	0
	Christopher Harwood, -	-	-	-	-	8,	10	0
	5. Peterson Godwin, -	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
	Judge Henry, -	-	-	-	-	4,	16	0
	Thomas Roads, -	-	-	-	-	21,	6	3
	7. Geo. Muter, -	-	-	-	-	31,	11	0
	Sam'l McDowell, -	-	-	-	-	22,	18	10
	Caleb Wallace, -	-	-	-	-	27,	12	0
	Matt. Moody, -	-	-	-	-	2,	17	6
	Anth. Robinson, -	-	-	-	-	23,	0	0
	8. Elisha Price, -	-	-	-	-	25,	0	0
	18. Judge Parker, -	-	-	-	-	16,	0	0
	21. Rob't Armistead, -	-	-	-	-	6,	0	0
	22. John Fenton, -	-	-	-	-	3,	14	6
	Thomas Hatton, -	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
	Judge Wallace, -	-	-	-	-	3,	12	0
	24. Geo. Bruce, -	-	-	-	-	27,	15	9
May	25. Sam'l McAfee, -	-	-	-	-	30,	0	0
	29. Judge Muter, -	-	-	-	-	75,	0	0
	John Pendleton, -	-	-	-	-	27,	16	0
	31. Judge Muter, -	-	-	-	-			

Criminal charges:

May						19,	6	0
	1. Wm. Malone, -	-	-	-	-	1,	15	0
	Paul Woolfolk, -	-	-	-	-	15,	12	0
	Jesse Cravens & als., -	-	-	-	-	5,	8	0
	2. Edmund Holiday, -	-	-	-	-	23,	7	6
	Ditto, -	-	-	-	-	24,	10	0
	Nath. Tinny, -	-	-	-	-	9,	15	0
	Wm. Demoral, -	-	-	-	-	41,	18	6
	4. Geo. Ball & others, -	-	-	-	-	1,	3	9
	7. Ralph Rowsay, -	-	-	-	-	2,	10	0
	John P. Lee, -	-	-	-	-	21,	18	9
	Andrew Hidd & als., -	-	-	-	-	16,	7	0
	11. Simon Holt & als., -	-	-	-	-	60,	0	0
	Thos. Farmer, slave execut'd, -	-	-	-	-			

1792.	May	17.	Josias Moody, - - - - -	5, 2 5
June 30th			Ann James, slave Executed, - - - - -	45, 0 0
		18.	Blanton & Hutcheson, - - - - -	2, 4 6
		21.	Wm. Bosley, - - - - -	20, 10 0
			Rob. Armistead, - - - - -	51, 3 9
			Ditto & others, - - - - -	2, 3 9
			David Alexanders, - - - - -	5, 4 0
			John Nickle & Son, - - - - -	4, 0 6
		22.	Wm. Stewart & others, - - - - -	1, 16 9
		22.	Wm. Webber, - - - - -	12, 0 0
			John Depriest, - - - - -	19, 8 0
			Ditto, - - - - -	15, 0 0
			Jno. Fenton, - - - - -	17, 13 3
			Sam'l Garrott & als., - - - - -	1, 0 0
		23.	Lewis Speece, - - - - -	9, 2 6
			Stephen Teas & als., - - - - -	27, 7 6
		24.	Wm. Ward, - - - - -	1, 6 6
		25.	Sam'l Myers, - - - - -	12 6
			Rob't Hayes, - - - - -	6, 16 0
		26.	Reuben Croucher, - - - - -	13 9
			Thomas Strond, - - - - -	18 9
		28.	Chas. Cutridge & others, - - - - -	10, 17 6
			John Demby, - - - - -	20, 0 0
		29.	John Brooks, - - - - -	1, 13 9
		30.	Sam'l Staples, - - - - -	2, 16 3
			Rich'd Wynn & als., - - - - -	20, 17 8
		31.	John Stewart & als., - - - - -	15, 2 6
			Contingent:	
	May	3.	Sam'l Swann, - - - - -	15, 6 0
		5.	The Treasurer, - - - - -	26, 3 9
		7.	Arch. Blair, - - - - -	25, 0 0
		8.	Jno. Hawkins, - - - - -	15, 0 0
		12.	James Wood, - - - - -	18, 0 0
		21.	Sam. Coleman, - - - - -	3, 9 0
		29.	Ditto, - - - - -	2, 5 3
			Surplus:	
	May	3.	Thomas Roane, - - - - -	1, 7 0
			Public Warehouse:	
	May	11.	Gen. Jas. Wilkerson, - - - - -	66, 13 0
		15.	Francis Smith, - - - - -	99, 5 0

Personal Account:					1792.	
May	17.	Pennock & Nicholson,	-	-	109, 5	9
May	22.	Hugh Caperton,	-	-	171, 0	0
Arsenal:						
May	26.	Tunstal Quarles,	-	-	46, 14	6
Gen'l Ac. of Revenue:						
May	26.	Jno. Morton,	-	-	15, 6	0
	31.	Jas. Dupey,	-	-	24, 3	0
Exp. of Representation:						
May	30.	Jos. Sterling,	-	-	1, 12	9
Criminal charges:						
June	1.	James Blakley,	-	-	1, 5	0
	5.	Ralph Lofters & als.,	-	-	10, 3	9
		Arch'd Dixon,	-	-	16	0
		Wm. Perry,	-	-	2, 0	0
June	6.	Johnathan Davis,	-	-	1, 12	9
		Rob't Hayes,	-	-	3, 1	3
		Aaron Brown & als.,	-	-	2, 12	6
	7.	John Wilson,	-	-	1, 1	3
		Burwell Baugh,	-	-	15	9
	8.	Thos. Rhodes,	-	-	5, 6	9
		John Pearson,	-	-	16	3
		Mann Page,	-	-	5, 0	0
		Wm. Wilkerson,	-	-	1, 5	3
		Wm. Gooseley,	-	-	5, 10	0
		Wm. Carter,	-	-	12	6
		Galt & Barrand,	-	-	3, 13	0
		Sam'l Lockheart,	-	-	1, 13	9
	11.	Jas. Shepherd,	-	-	1, 11	3
		James Daugherty,	-	-	5, 0	0
		Jacob Bare,	-	-	2, 11	3
		David Calladay & als.,	-	-	11, 1	9
		Christ Acklin,	-	-	2, 10	0
		Ab. Sevine,	-	-	3, 19	8
		John Allen & als.,	-	-	18, 6	0
	14.	Geo. Sauford & als.,	-	-	13, 12	6
		Jos. Thomas,	-	-	22, 1	3
	15.	Brady & Jennings,	-	-	2, 13	0
		Geo. Davis & als.,	-	-	2, 0	0
		Wm. Brummel,	-	-	15	0

1792.	June	16.	Alex'r McDonald & als.,	-	-	-	1, 14	0
June 30th		18.	Rich'd Lacy, -	-	-	-	1, 5	0
		20.	H. Moseley, -	-	-	-	2, 0	0
		21.	Rob't Williams, -	-	-	-	1, 15	0
		22.	Daniel Pogram & als., -	-	-	-	4, 13	0
		25.	Daniel Lush & als., -	-	-	-	9, 12	0
			Sam'l Boulware, -	-	-	-	1, 17	9
			Rob't Banks & als., -	-	-	-	17	6
			Thos. Vaughan & Alex. Boyd,	-	-	-	2, 15	0
			James Clarke, -	-	-	-	1, 6	3
			Stephen Crouch, -	-	-	-	12	6
			Colin Campbell, -	-	-	-	37, 0	3
			Wm. Baylis & als., -	-	-	-	27, 12	6
			Rich'd Oldham, -	-	-	-	14, 0	0

## Officers of Government:

June	1.	Jno. Cunningham, -	-	-	-	9	4
	4.	Judge Muter, -	-	-	-	60, 2	6
		Judge McDowell, -	-	-	-	65, 0	0
	6.	Thos. Stith, -	-	-	-	2, 15	3
	8.	Jos. Bell, -	-	-	-	8, 8	0
		Thos. Rhodes, -	-	-	-	4, 4	0
		Wm. Gooseley, -	-	-	-	12, 0	0
	11.	Dan'l Hylton, -	-	-	-	12, 0	0
		Christ Acklin, -	-	-	-	13, 10	0
		Ab'm Severne, -	-	-	-	1, 4	0
	12.	Judge McDowell, -	-	-	-	10, 0	0
	15.	Rowland Thomas, -	-	-	-	1, 10	0
	16.	Matt. Moody, -	-	-	-	28, 16	0
	20.	Judge Parker, -	-	-	-	25, 0	0
	21.	Judge Fleming, -	-	-	-	2, 0	4
	22.	Judge Henry, -	-	-	-	6, 8	0
	23.	Judge Roane, -	-	-	-	3, 8	0
	25.	Colin Campbell, -	-	-	-	10, 0	0
		John Craille, -	-	-	-	33, 12	0
	28.	Peter Tinsley, -	-	-	-	37, 10	0
	30.	Wm. Rose, -	-	-	-	6, 5	0

## Gen'l Ac. Revenue:

June	5.	Abner Porter, -	-	-	-	12, 18	0
	8.	James Ramsay, -	-	-	-	26, 8	0
		Jos. Bell, -	-	-	-	24, 6	0
		Eastham & Green, -	-	-	-	54, 0	0
	9.	Math. Pate, -	-	-	-	27, 0	0
	21.	Daniel Brown, -	-	-	-	18, 0	0

Personal acc'ts:							1792.		
June	5.	James Rind, -	-	-	-	30, 0	0	June 30th	
	15.	Thomas Johnson, -	-	-	-	39, 10	9		
	21.	Dabney Minor, -	-	-	-	141, 0	9		
	25.	Henry Walker, -	-	-	-	3, 19	6		
		Lewis Parham, -	-	-	-	1, 10	5		
	26.	Jos. Hornsby, -	-	-	-	200, 0	0		
Foreign Creditors:									
June	5.	De la Costa & Bros., -	-	-	-	75, 13	4		
Exps. of Representation:									
June	6.	James Barbour, -	-	-	-	1, 2	3		
	14.	Edm'd Reade, -	-	-	-	1, 12	6		
		Aug't Jennings, -	-	-	-	1, 10	0		
		Thos. Merriwether, -	-	-	-	1, 9	6		
		Pleasant Martin, -	-	-	-	1	5		
Public claims:									
June	6.	Thomas Snow, -	-	-	-	3, 7	6		
	7.	Wm. Cary, -	-	-	-	15, 2	1		
	12.	Isaac Brown, -	-	-	-	24, 0	0		
Directors Jas. River Comp'y:									
June	6.	Alex. Buchanan, -	-	-	-	600, 0	0		
Contingent:									
June	8.	Wm. Pennock, -	-	-	-	26, 3	8		
	20.	James Wood, -	-	-	-	18, 10	3		
	27.	Jos. Liplong, -	-	-	-	4, 0	0		
Public Warehouse:									
June	13.	Wm. Smith, -	-	-	-	26, 15	3		
	29.	Alex. G. Strachan, -	-	-	-	38, 14	0		
		Robert Bolling, -	-	-	-	25, 15	0		
Aggregate:									
June	20.	Henry Banks, 1 of £100, 4 of £50, 2 of £10, 4 of £5, 1 of £6, 14s, 10d, -					346, 14	10	
Wolves Heads:									
June	30.	John Stewart, -	-	-	-	333, 15	0		

J. PENDLETON, Aud'r.

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Aud'r's office, 1 July, 1792.

June 30th Compared & found to agree with the vouchers in the office of the solicitor.

J. H. BRIGGS.

Aug. 17, 1792.

July 1st

DENNIS RAMSEY TO THE GOVERNOR.

May it please your Excellency:

Alexandria Inclosed is a petition for Negro Will's pardon, which I hope will meet your approbation.

I am, with sentiments of Esteem and regard,  
Your Excellency's most Obed't, H'ble Servant.

At a Court of Oyer & Terminer, appointed & held for the County of Fairfax, 26th May, 1792:

Present: George Giesson, James Wren, Charles Alexander, John Fitzgerald, Roger West, Gents, present.

Will, a negro man-slave, the property of Jacob Fortnay of the said county, who was committed to the Gaol of this County by warrant under the hand & seal of William Herbert, Gent., and charged with Feloniously breaking and entering the Dwelling and store house of George Stovin of the Town of Alexandria, in the night time, and stealing thereout sundry silver money of the value of fifteen pounds and upwards, and being this day arraigned in open court for the said fact, pleaded Guilty, and thereupon the several witnesses against him being sworn and examined, and Consideration of the same had, The Court are of opinion that he is Guilty of the said fact. Therefore it is considered that the said Negro will go from hence to the prison, from whence he came, from thence to the place of Execution, there to be hanged by the neck 'til he be dead.

(Sign'd) GEO. GILPIN.

Will, a negro man-slave, Blacksmith, belonging to Jacob Fortnay, being this day convicted and condemned by this Court for Felony, & valued at one hundred pounds, current money, which is ordered to be certified.

Ordered that the said Negro Bill be executed on Tuesday, the tenth day of July next.

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(Signed) GEO. GILPIN.

Test:

J. WAGONER, C. F. C.

A Copy—Teste:

J. WAGONER, C. F. C.

To His Excellency Henry Lee, Esquire, Governor of Virginia:

July 3d

The petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria and County of Fairfax, Humbly Sheweth That a slave named Will, belonging to Jacob Fortney of the said Town, hath been lately sentenced to suffer Death for an offence rendered Capital by the laws of the Land. That the Law appears to have two objects in view; first, to prevent further Transgressions by the same person, and by the severity of the punishment often bearing no proportion to the offence, to deter others from similar practices. That whenever these ends can be answered by other means than by depriving a fellow creature of his existence in the prime of Life, the intention of the Government appears to be fulfilled, and the society in no manner to be injured. That by sending the culprit to some of the British, Spanish, French, Dutch, or Danish Settlements in the West Indies, the feelings of humanity will not be so sensibly affected, the society being relieved from an apprehension of further injury done by the same person as effectually as if the sentence was fully executed. For these considerations your Petitioners are induced to request your Excellency to grant a pardon to the said Will upon condition that He be shipped to some one of the above mentioned settlements in a reasonable time, and not be permitted to return.

And your Petitioner shall ever pray—

John Potts, Jr.,  
W. Dineale,  
Wm. Wilson,  
Jacob Fortney,  
W. McArthur,  
T. Roberdian,  
Chas. Young,  
Chas. Scott,  
Jno. Bralle,

L. Hanson,  
Dennis Ramsay,  
Rich'd Conway,  
R. T. Fore.  
M. Perrin,  
Gurdin Chapin,  
John Butcher,  
Wm. Paton,  
Wm. Bushby,



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Sam. Casey,	Jno. Sloan,
W. Lyon,	Hardy Harburt,
Geo. Coyell,	Joseph Bushbey,
James Scot,	Ja. Keith,
Alex. McKenzie,	Dan'l Roberdean,
Jos. Grunway,	R. Goodrich,
Jeremiah Tantler,	Jacob Cox,
And. Wales,	Wm. Summers,
Thos. Vowell, Jr.,	Wm. Holley,
Washer Blunte,	Jesse Taylor, Jr.,
Geo. Rutler,	Alex'n Smith,
John Viorn,	Jno. Bryan,
Robert Young,	Alex. Gordon,
Geo. Moore,	Caleb Earp,
William Cox,	Jno. T. Mandeville,
Adam Lyon,	Elisha C. Duke,
Aaron Hewes,	Sam'l Simmons,
Job Greene,	Wm. Bird,
John Johnston,	Sam'l Craig,
Jno. B. Dabney,	John Harper,
Lem'l Brent,	James Lawson,
Philip Wanton,	John Reynolds,
John Janney,	Thomas Irwin,
Benj'n Shreve,	Josiah Watson,
George Taylor,	Jonah Thompson,
Jas. Craik, Jr.,	Jas. Gillis,
Thos. Porter,	Thomas Patten,
Oliver Price,	John Longden,
Lewis Weston,	James Douglas,
Wm. Young,	D. Douglas,
Jas. M. McRae,	John Beatty,
Walter Brooke,	G. W. Murray,
Nich. Hannah,	J. R. Wheaton,
William Kean,	Wm. Ramsay,
Jesse Simons,	Robert Donaldson,
Jas. Cary,	Richard Snell,
Thos. Reardon,	James Muir, V. D. M.
Chas. Farmer,	John Rhea,
Robert B. Janey,	Ch. Simon,
Geo. Sweeney,	G. Chapman,
Jno. Foster,	Benj. Hanip,

A. & W. Ramsay,	John Dunlap,	1792.
Step. Cooke,	John Harper,	July 3d
Lanty Crowe,	F. Fairfax,	
Bryan T. Sampson,	Phil. R'd Fendall.	

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WM. WILLIAMS TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA. July 3d

Sir,

After a very tedious and Disagreeable passage of 11 days I arrived in Philadelphia. Phila-  
delphia

The President has made a resolution not to set for his picture on the application of any individual. He seems to think a deviation from this rule would make him liable to innumerable applications of this nature which would not only tend to inconvenience, but to an interruption of his many and necessary occupations. He will however, set, on the application of the Executive to day. This was obliged to be done, for Mr. Trumbull, who has Just taken the President's likeness for the city of Charles Town, So. Carolina. That picture, I am informed, left this City for that place a few days ago, and Mr. Trumbull is gone to Europe. I shall wait your Excellency's answer, and as I am entirely unoccupied, your Excell'y will very much oblige me if you will please to do me that honor as soon as possible

I have the honor to be with the highest respect,  
Your Excellency's most obedient and much obliged Servant.

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ARCHIBALD STUART TO THE GOVERNOR. July 5th

Sir,

I have this day for the first time been informed that application hath, or will be made to the honorable the privy council, through your Excellency to remit a fine imposed upon a certain Thomas Frame of Augusta, for a breach of ye peace. You will pardon me for taking ye Liberty of stating ye facts which appeared on ye trial, as also such as came within my own knowledge not made public. About eighteen months ago, F. Frame, ye petitioner, prosecuted a certain E. Broebeck, for a misdemeanor, on ye trial of which his complaint was dis'd with costs, as groundless and frivolous. Afterwards, Frame desired Broebeck to remit half ye costs, & threatened if he did not do so to either turn him out of his cabin or make him pay rent. Broebeck is a very poor man, who, it seems, by mistake, Built a hut within Frame's line some small distance. Frame is very independent & wealthy, & I expect

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presumed a good deal on the poverty of his neighbor. Broebeck, however, refused to remit any part of ye costs, upon which, Frame pushed ye poor old man out of his porch down a high pair of steps. It did not, however, appear that he was much hurt by ye fall. When he came to reflect upon his conduct, he thought proper to purchase a Dispensation of Broebeck for this offence, which he did for ye consideration of three or four bushels of grain. Two of Broebeck's neighbors considered the conduct of Frame as arbitrary & oppressive, & made their complaint to me, upon which I filed an Indictment against him for breach of ye peace, in which two of Broebeck's neighbors became prosecutors. After the commencement of ye business, Frame applied to me with a paper under Broebeck's hand desiring ye prosecution might be dismissed, stating further that he never would have prosecuted him had it not been for ye advice of others. I told him this would not be done; Broebeck had given up his own claim for damages, but could not dismiss ye commonwealth's prosecution. When he found this he began to tamper with me, & proposed if I would on ye trial, pass over his offence lightly, or words to that effect, that I would lose nothing by it; at ye same time beg'd I would not consider ye proposal as bribery. I would not have kept my hands off him had he not been an elderly man; I, however, restrained myself so far as to make him no other reply than that my exertions should be proportioned to ye nature of ye offence when ye cause was tried. On the day of trial & before or about the time ye Jury were sworn, Frame made an attempt to send Broebeck home under a promise (as he afterwards swore), that he should loose nothing by it. I was obliged to exert myself in a very extraordinary manner, & used both threats & promises before I could get him in to give testimony. He at length came, & with other witnesses proved ye above facts, except what relates to myself, which I did not disclose in open court, but we proved his having tampered with ye witnesses. When the Jury retired, I am told many of them wished to amerce him in ye sum of £60, & that one man (who divided the Jury near two days), was ye cause of ye verdict being as low as £15. The universal practice of the County Court in remitting fines & forfeitures where ever in their power to do so, has rendered their authority contemptible. From ye above statement your Excellency will perhaps be enabled to Judge of ye merits of ye petition now before you.

Excuse ye freedom I have taken in this business; I can assure you it does not proceed from prejudice, altho' I despise him, but for ye sake of Justice to ye Commonwealth, which I trust will be dispensed by your Excellency.

I have ye honor to be, with real respect,

Y'r very Humble Ser.

## JOHN ELLIOTT'S PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR.

1792.

To His Excellency Governor Lee:

The Humble petition of John Elliott of this City—May it please your  
Excellency: July 6th

Your petitioner begs leave to address you on a subject in which his all Richmond  
is concerned, and a subject that he hopes may have a proper weight on  
the noble and generous mind of your Excellency. During my service  
as a soldier in the late contest in Honor of the Rights, Liberties and  
Independence of America, then belonging to the Sixth Reg't of the  
Maryland Troops under the command of his Honor, the late General  
Green, I was wounded in the battle of Guilford, and have since been an  
Invalid; But rather than become troublesome to the publick for a pen-  
sion, I chose to endeavor to procure a livelihood for a poor family in an  
honest and a discreet manner. In pursnit of this line your petitioner  
was desirous to have license for a retail shop, and he accordingly has  
been in the Retail way for sometime; Tho' after all my savings I have  
been able to gather but very little, and I am still poor indeed. Yesterday  
the officers of the City Levied upon me a fine of Twelve pounds for  
retailing, and seized my property, even to my bedding, &c., and thus  
your petitioner and his family are reduced to a situation the most dis-  
tressing. Be pleased to paint to yourself the feeling of a man who is  
upon the point of losing his all.

Your petitioner is willing to pay the customary cost of License; but  
the exorbitant Fine of Twelve pounds will ruin me.

The tender partner of my distress waited upon your Excellency  
yesterday on the subject, and now I hope your humane disposition will  
grant me that relief which it is so much in your Excellency's power.

The compassion of your Excellency upon this, my humble petition,  
will bind me by the strongest ties of gratitude ever to pray for your  
welfare and prosperity.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sergeant of the City of Richmond—Greeting:

We command you that you do not omit for any Liberty in your baili-  
wick, but that you take John Elliott if he be found within the same,  
and him safely keep so that you have his body before the Justice of our  
Court of our said City, at the Courthouse of this said City, on the second  
Monday in July next, to satisfy us Ten pounds for his fine on him  
imposed by our Justices of our said Court for retailing Spirituous  
Liquors contrary to law; also one hundred and fifty pounds Gross

1792. Tob'o, and fifteen shillings, which to us in in the same Court were  
 July 6th adjudged for our cost in that behalf expended. Whereof the said Elliott  
 is convict as appears to us of Record, and have then there this writ.

Witness Adam Craig, Clerk of our said Court, the 22d day of May,  
 1792, in the 16th year of the Commonwealth.

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

A copy—Test:

SAMUEL MOSBY, Sergeant.

Be it remembered that at a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the  
 City of Richmond at the Courthouse, on Monday, the 14th day of No-  
 vember, 1791, James Heron, foreman, and Eighteen others, freeholders  
 of the said City, were sworn a Grand Jury of Inquest for the same, and  
 having received their charge, went out of Court, and after some time,  
 returned and made sundry presentments; among which is the following:

"We do present John Elliott for retailing spirituous Liquors contrary  
 to Law, since the last Grand Jury Court for the City of Richmond, by  
 the oath of Thomas Croxton; upon which presentment the following  
 process was issued:

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the sergeant of the City of Richmond—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John Elliott to appear before  
 the Justices of our Court of Hustings for the said City, at the Court-  
 house, on the second Monday in March next, to answer a presentment of  
 the grand Jury made against him at November Court last, for retailing  
 spirituous Liquors without a License contrary to Law, within twelve  
 months then last past, and since the then last Grand Jury Court held  
 for the said City. And have then there this writ.

Witness Adam Craig, clerk of our said Court, the first day of Decem-  
 ber, 1791, in the 16th year of the Commonwealth."

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

On the said process the following return was made "Not found."

SAM. MOSBY, Sergeant.

And at another day, to-wit:

At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the City aforesaid, on Mon-  
 day, the 12th of March, 1792, Came William Marshall, Gent., Deputy

attorney for the Commonwealth in this Court, and the summons issued on the aforesaid presentment against the Def't not being executed, an alias summons was awarded against him In the words following, to-wit: 1792.  
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"The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sergeant of the City of Richmond—Greeting:

We Command you, as at another time you have been commanded, to summon John Elliot to appear before the Justices of our Court of our said City, at the Courthouse, on the second Monday in May next, to answer a presentment of the Grand Jury made against him at November Court, 1791, for retailing spirituous Liquors without a License contrary to Law, within Twelve months then last past, and since the then last Grand Jury Court held for the said City. And have then there this writ.

Witness Adam Craig, Clerk of our said Court, the 4th day of April, 1792, In the 16th year of the Commonwealth.

A. CRAIG, C. C.

On the said last process, the Sergeant returned "Executed."

SAM. MOSBY, Serg't.

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And now at this day, to-wit: At a quarterly Court of Hustings, held for the said City the 15th day of May following, Came the said William Marshall, Gent., Deputy attorney for the Commonwealth as aforesaid, and filed his information against the Debt in the words following, to-wit:

"City of Richmond, to-wit:

The Jurors for the Commonwealth within the body of the said City, upon their oaths, present that John Elliott did on the 14th day of November, 1791, and at Divers other days between the 15th day of August, in the year 1791, and the fourteenth day of November following, within the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings for the said City, sell by retail in small quantities, spirituous Liquors, to-wit: One Gill of Rum, One Gill of Brandy, One Gill of Whiskey, One Gill of Gin, one quart of Cyder, one quart of Beer, one quart of wine, and a mixture of said Liquors, but more especially to a certain Thomas Croxton, and suffered the same to be drank by the said Thomas Croxton in the house of the said John Elliot, without having first obtained a License from the Court of Hustings of the said City of Richmond or from any other Court legally authorized to grant the same for that purpose, contrary to the Acts of Assembly for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in that case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

WILLIAM MARSHALL,

Deputy attorney for the City of Richmond,  
For JAMES INNES, Attorney-Gen'l.

1792. Whereupon, the def't having been duly summoned, was solemnly  
 July 6th called but came not. Therefore It is considered by the Court that the  
 Commonwealth recover against the defendant, Ten pounds, the fine  
 imposed by Law for the said offence, and that the said def't pay the  
 costs of this prosecution, and may be taken, &c.

A Copy from the proceedings—Test:

ADAM CRAIG, C. R. H. C.

I do certify that the bed mentioned in John Elliott's Petition to his  
 Excellency the Governor, is in execution at the suit of the Common-  
 wealth for retailing spirituous Liquors without a License.

SAMUEL MOSBY,

Sergeant of the City of Richmond, July the 10th, 1792.

July 9th

DENNIS RAMSAY TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Alexandria

With a mind truly grateful, I have to acknowledge the receipt of  
 your welcome letter of the 3rd instant, which came to my hand late at  
 night on Friday. It affords relieve to the petitioners, and for which you  
 have their thanks. Indeed it must be pleasing to every sympathetic  
 Breast.

I was present when the pardon was read to the negro. He bore it  
 with manly fortitude, and from what I can learn from the Divines and  
 others who attended him, there is every reason to believe that He will  
 leave off his wicked ways, and turn to good. He is in Jail waiting for  
 an opportunity to be shipt to the West Indies, and every attention will  
 be paid to see it carried into execution.

I have the honor to be with every possible mark of Respect,  
 Your Excellency's most ob't Serv't.

July 9th

SMITH SNEAD TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

North-  
 ampton

I have the honor of receiving yours of the 10th May, dated Rich-  
 mond, with one dated Norfolk, inclosing a Copy of your orders to the  
 Commanding officers of that Borough expressive of your ideas of the  
 best method to prevent future disturbances, but those never came to  
 hand before yesterday. I cannot account for the uncommon delay.

The ammunition I have not received. I am informed it is about twenty miles from here, at the lower end of the County, to which place I shall immediately send, and when received hold it safe for public use. I had the pleasure of writing to you some time about the beginning of last month, communicating my sentiments of the dispositions of the slaves of this County, and the general opinion of the people, but did not inform you what measures I had adopted to prevent the execution of their plot, if there was one. Immediately upon receiving the information communicated to you in my first Letter, I appointed a Company of Patrollers from each Company of Militia, directing them to patrolle as often as possible, and required the Captains and Commanding officers of Companies to inspect into their Conduct & see that they did their duty, and make reports to me of their proceedings & conduct.

These orders were strictly comply'd with, and effectually prevented their meeting and strolling about from one place to another. These measures were extremely irksome to the slaves, and abridged them of those privileges which they had been taught by many white people of this County to believe they were entitled to, and were determined if possible to prevent the activity of Patrollers, and destroy those enemies to their liberty. Six Negro fellows had accordingly concerted a plan for their destruction, and, armed with large Clubs, lay in ambush for that purpose. As it was uncertain which rout the Patrollers would take, they divided themselves in pairs, and lay two and two together. It seems the Patrollers had divided for some purpose or other, and one singly attempted to pass by their stand, whom they immediately attacked and struck at him with their Clubs, but fortunately only knocked off his hat, the force of the stroke resting upon a bayonet, which it very much bent; he immediately indeavoured to rejoin his company, which with much difficulty he effected—the negroes pursuing him. The next day a party went in pursuit of them and apprehended five; they have undergone a trial for their lives, and three of them have been condemned and executed. This I hope will be a sufficient terror, and teach them wisdom.

I am, sir, with much respect and Esteem,

Your most Ob't Serv't.

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SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

July 10th

Sir,

As usual I have examined the quarterly returns from the post at the point of Fork, and find the amount of the pay-roll for the superintendent, Armoners and Guard, to be Eighty-Eight pounds, fourteen shillings and four pence.

Council  
office



1792. An account is forwarded by the superintendant for hire of certain  
 July 10th persons employed at the post, to the amount of forty-Eight pounds,  
 Eight shillings and Eight pence. The employment of these persons is  
 not stated. From a statement exhibited of Cash received and expended,  
 it appears that there remains in the hands of the superintendant for con-  
 tingent purposes, the sum of twenty pounds, 14s, 4½d, to be accounted  
 for.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most Ob't Servant.

Warrants have issued pursuant to the foregoing report.

S. COLEMAN.

July 11th

H. KNOX, SECRETARY OF WAR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

War  
 Department

Your Excellency's letter of the 4th instant, was received yesterday,  
 and submitted to the President of the United States. While it is to be  
 hoped the troops stationed on the Southwestern frontiers may intercept  
 every party of hostile indians, it is the desire of the President of the  
 United States that no expedition be made against the indian Towns at  
 present. If Governor Blount be not greatly deceived, the proposed  
 general Assembling of the Cherokees at Astenaula, the 23rd of last  
 month, (of which I informed you in mine of the 30th), will probably  
 have decided the conduct of the Cherokees.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great esteem,

Your most obedient, Humble Serv't.

July 14th

JAMES BENNETT'S PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR.

To the Hon'ble the Governor & council of Virg'a:

The petition of James Bennett (overseer), humbly sheweth, That  
 about four years ago he became security for a considerable sum of money,  
 the principal failing, an execution was served on your Petitioner's Body,  
 by which he was confined within the prison rules of this City. Your  
 petitioner was a poor man without a Trade, and besides has a large  
 family who followed him into confinement, where duty and inclination  
 prompted him to follow some employment to give them support, to do  
 which, he was obliged to retail spirituous liquors. His poverty, his want  
 of credit and other concomitant Evils prevented his taking a license;

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wherefore your petitioner became subject to the penal law which is calculated to restrain such things, and which has been enforced ag't your petitioner. As soon as your petitioner was enabled to do so he qualified himself with a license and has for the last year conducted himself as he hopes and believes to public satisfaction.

Your Petitioner having thus represented the Truth of his case presumes to implore that your Honor will release him from the payment of the penalty which is about to be inflicted, which is, in itself not important to the public, and will tend to distress one whose measure of misfortune is already large, and whose wishes & objects to support the laws & police of his Country are now evident, and your petitioner in Duty bound will pray.

Be it remembered that at a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the City of Richmond, on Monday, the Ninth day of May, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, James Heron foreman, and nineteen others were sworn a grand Jury of Inquest for the said City, and having received their charge, went out of Court, and after some time returned and made sundry presentments, among which is the following: "We present James Bennett, (overseer,) for retailing spirituous liquors without License and contrary to Law, within 12 months last past, by the oath of Zenas Tait, and since the last Grand Jury Court held for this City, upon which presentment the following process was issued, to-wit:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sergeant of the City of Richmond—Greeting:

We command you to summon James Bennett, (overseer,) to appear before the Justices of our Court of Hustings for the said City, at the Courthouse, on the second Monday in August next, to answer a presentment of the Grand Jury made against him at May Court last, for retailing spirituous Liquors without a License, contrary to Law, within twelve months then last past, and since the then last Grand Jury Court held for the said City. And have then there this writ.

Witness, Adam Craig, clerk of our said Court, the first day of June, 1791, in the fifteenth year of the Commonwealth.

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

Upon which process the following return was made "excedent."

SAMUEL MOSLEY, Serg't.

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And at another day, to-wit: At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the said City on Tuesday, the ninth of August following: Came William Marshall, Gent., the Deputy Attorney for the Commonwealth

1792. in the said Court, and filed his information against the said James Bennett in the following words, viz:
- July 14th City of Richmond, to-wit: The Jurors for the Commonwealth within the Body of the said City upon their oaths, present that James Bennett, (overseer), did on the 14th day of March, 1791, and divers other days between the 14th day of March, 1791, and the — Day of May, 1791, within the Jurisdiction of the said Court of Hustings for the said City, sell by retail in small quantities, spirituous Liquors, to-wit: one Gill of Rum, one Gill of Brandy, one Gill of Gin, one quart of Cyder, one Gill of Whiskey, one quart of Beer, one quart of Wine, and a mixture of said Liquors, but more especially to certain —, and suffered the same to be drank by the said —, at the house of the said James Bennett, without having first obtained a License from the Court of Hustings for the said City, or from any other Court legally authorized to grant the same for that purpose, contrary to the Acts of Assembly for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in that case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

WILLIAM MARSHALL,

Deputy Attorney for the City of Richmond,

For JAMES INNES, Attorney-General.

Whereupon, the defendant having been duly summoned, was solemnly called, but came not; therefore it was commanded the Sergeant that he cause to be impanelled at the next Quarterly Court to be held in the said City, a Jury of the bystanders to be qualified according to law, diligently to enquire whether the defendant be guilty, as in the information against him is alledged; in case the said Defendant should then fail, to appear and plead to issue.

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And now at this day, to-wit:

At a quarterly Court of Hustings continued and held for the said City, on Tuesday, the 15th of May, 1792, For reasons appearing to the Court, it is ordered that the writ of Inquiry, which was in August last awarded on this presentment, be set aside; whereupon, came William Marshall, Gent., Deputy attorney as aforesaid, and the Def't still failing to appear, tho' again solemnly called, It is considered by the Court that the Commonwealth recover against him ten pounds, the fine imposed by law for the said offence, and that the said Def't pay the costs of this prosecution, and may be taken, &c.

A copy—Teste:

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

## PETITION OF GEORGE BATES TO THE GOVERNOR.

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To his Excellency, the Governor, and the Members of the Honorable Council: July 14th

The petition of George Bates Humbly sheweth, That your petitioner is a Native of Switzerland, and has but lately become a citizen of the state of Virginia; that he has, since his abode in this country, endeavored to deport himself as a good citizen, and trusts he can obtain testimonials of his good character from the natives of America to whom he is known; that owing to his ignorance of the laws respecting the retailing of liquors, he has become subjected to a prosecution thereon, and to the payment of the sum of ten pounds—a sum which your petitioner's circumstances considered, will greatly distress him and his family; that as the Judgement against your petitioner is for the use of the Commonwealth, and the Honorable the Executive vested with power to release it, He has thus addressed himself to your Honors on the subject, and prays your consideration thereupon. He knows that affairs of greater moment demand the unremitting attention of your Honorable body, but presumes nevertheless to hope that a situation like his, attended as it is with ignorance of the English Tongue, and an involuntary transgression of the laws arising from that ignorance, will induce a release of the Judgement aforesaid. And your petitioner as in duty bound, will pray.

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Richmond, 13th July, 1792.

Dear Sir,

The bearer, George Bates, has a petition to lay before the Executive, praying a release of a Judgement awarded against him at the suit of the Commonwealth for twelve pounds, including costs. Since his being a citizen of this place, I have, from living in his neighborhood, had opportunities of observing, and so far he has demeaned himself as a sober and industrious man. I do really believe the facts set forth in his petition true, nor would I have addressed you on the subject, but from a conviction that the violation of the laws arose from ignorance—not design. He tells me he has paid the money since the pet'n has been drawn; this will alter the prayer of it to a restitution. If you deem his case worthy of the Executive interference, I think you will serve an honest man in serving him.

I am, with very great Respect, D'r sir,  
Y'r ob't serv't,

JOHN STEWART.

1792. Be it remembered, that at a quarterly court of hustings held for the  
 July 14th city of Richmond, at the Courthouse, on Monday, the ninth day of May, 1791, James Heron, foreman, and nineteen others, were sworn a grand Jury of Inquest for the said City, and having received their charges, went out of Court, and after some time returned and made sundry presentments; among which is the following:

We present George Bates for retailing spirituous without license and contrary to law within Twelve months last past, by the Oath Zenus Tait, and since the last Grand Jury court held for this City; upon which Presentment the following process was issued, to-wit:

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sergeant of the City of Richmond—Greeting:

We command you to summon George Bates to appear before the Justices of our court of Hustings for the said City, at the courthouse, on the second Monday in August next, to answer a presentment of the Grand Jury made against him at May Court for retailing spirituous Liquors without a License contrary to Law within twelve months then last past, and since the then last Grand Jury Court held for the said city. And have then there this writ.

Witness Adam Craig, clerk of our said Court, the first day of June, 1791, in the fifteenth year of the Commonwealth.

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

Which process was returned "Executed."

SAM'L MOSLEY, Serg't.

And at another day, to-wit: At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the said City, the 9th day of August, in the year aforesaid: Came William Marshall, Gent., the deputy attorney for the Commonwealth in the said Court, and filed his information ag't the Deft in the following words, viz:

City of Richmond, to-wit:

The Jurors for the Commonwealth within the body of the City, upon their oaths, present, That George Bates, Labourer, did on the Twentieth day of March, 1791, and at divers other days between the 20th day of March, 1791, and the 3rd day of May, 1791, within the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings for the said City, sell by retail in small quantities, spirituous Liquors, to-wit: One Gill of Rum, one Gill of Brandy, One Gill of Whiskey, one Gill of Gin, one quart of Cyder, one quart of Beer, one quart of Wine, and a mixture of said Liquors, but more especially to a certain Zenus Tait, and suffered

the same to be drank by the said Zenas Tait, at the house of the said George Bates, without having first obtained a License from the Court of Hustings for the said City, or from any other Court legally authorized to grant the same for that purpose, contrary to the Acts of Assembly for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in that case made and provided, and against the pence and dignity of the Commonwealth.

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WILLIAM MARSHALL,  
Deputy attorney for the city of Richmond,  
For JAMES INNES, Attorney-General.

Whereupon came also the Def't by Charles Copeland, Gent., his attorney, and the said def't defended the force & injury when, &c., and prayed oyer of the presentment against him, and to him it was granted here, &c.

And at another day, to-wit: At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the city aforesaid, the 14th day of November following: Came as well the said William Marshall, attorney for the Commonwealth aforesaid, as the Def't, by his attorney, and thereupon the said defendant defended the force and injury when, &c., and said that he was not guilty in manner and form as in the presentment against him is alledged, and of this he put himself upon the country; and the attorney for the commonwealth likewise, and the trial of the issue was referred till the next quarterly Court.

And now, this day, to-wit: At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the said City, the 15th day of May, in the year 1792. (till which time the presentment aforesaid remained uncalled): Came as well the Attorney for the Commonwealth afores'd, as the Def't, by his Attorney, and thereupon came also a Jury, to-wit: John Livingston and eleven others, who being elected, tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue Joined, upon their oath do say that the def't is guilty in manner and form as in the presentment against him is alledged. Therefore it is considered of the Court that the Commonwealth receive against the Def't ten pounds, the fine imposed by law for the said offence, and that the said def't pay the costs of this prosecution, and may be taken, &c.

A Copy—Teste:

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

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BOND OF WILLIAM WILLSON, JR.

July 16th

Know all men by these presents, that we William Willson, Jr., John Kennedy, Amos E. Shepherd, Francis Bressie, and Willis Wilson, are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Henry Lee, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his successors, in the just and

1792. full sum of one thousand pounds current money of Virginia, for the use  
 July 16th of the said Commonwealth, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Ex'ors & Adm'rs, jointly & severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals & dated this 16th day of July, 1792, in the 17th year of the Commonwealth.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the above bound William Willson, Jr., hath this day been appointed Clerk of the county court of Norfolk by the Justices of the said Court; now, if the s'd William Willson, Jr., shall well and truly perform the duties of his office according to the best of his skill and Judgment & without favour, affection or partiality, & preserve the records & papers belonging thereto so long as he continues in office, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and Virtue.

WM. WILSON, JR. [Seal.]

JOHN KENNEDY. [Seal.]

FRANCIS BRESSIE. [Seal.]

AMOS E. SHEPHERD. [Seal.]

WILLIS WILLSON. [Seal.]

Signed & sealed in the presence of

WILLIS WHITFIELD.

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CHARLES MOSS, JOALER, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Suffolk

Sir,

William Towe, that is mentioned In the inclosed Proclamation, was this day delivered to me as Joaler. I am extremely desirous to know what is to be done with him. The Joal is very deficient and cannot hold him without more care and attention than I am able to exhibit.

I am, with due respect,

Your Excellency's H'ble Serv't.

#### PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia—A Proclamation:

Whereas, William Towe, who was convicted of Horse stealing at the last District Court held at Suffolk, hath made his Escape from the Jail of the said District, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council of State to issue this, my Proclamation, offering

a reward of One Hundred Dollars to any person, who shall apprehend and deliver to the Jailor at Suffolk the aforesaid criminal.

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Given under my hand, and under the seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this 14th day of June, 1792.

HENRY LEE.

The above named, William Towe, is about five feet 8 or 10 inches high, small limbs, but straight and well made for activity; dark hair, thin face, and a brown complexion; he is very talkative, and uncommonly artful.

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THOMAS WISHART TO THE GOVERNOR.

Suffolk, July 17, 1792.

Sir,

Agreeable to your instructions & request I paid the strictest attention to the distribution of your proclamation for the apprehension of the noted villian William Towe; In consequence of which, he is taken and was on this day safely lodged in our Jail. To my astonishment and surprise he has been stealing horses in Carolina since his escape from this Jail, and one of them were taken with him and brought here, which is now to be seen and the facts easily to be proved. Such instructions as you conceive necessary to the Sheriff and Jailor are ardently wished for and impatiently expected.

I am sir, with unfeigned respect,  
Your Excellency's most H'ble servt.

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Perry County:

Joseph Cocks appeared before me, & swore that he had stole out of his pasture on Fryday night, June 29th, a mare, & suspects William Tow to have stolen the same; this is in the name of the state to command you to summons men sufficient, & to take the s'd Tow, if to be found, & bring him before me or some other Justice to answer s'd complaint.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of June, 1792.

F. NEWBY, J. P.

To any lawful officer to execute, & for want thereof, to Samuel Sutton, or Demsey Hinton, or any other person that except it.



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This day Joseph Hendricks made oath before me, Archibald Richardson, a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, that he had apprehended a certain William Towe, whom he hath this day delivered into the custody of the keeper of the District Jail at Suffolk, and that the prisoner is the same William Towe mentioned in a proclamation dated the 14th day of June, 1792, Issued by his Excellency Henry Lee, Governour of the Commonwealth of Virginia, offering a Reward for apprehending the said Towe.

Given under my hand this 16th day of July, 1792.

A. RICHARDSON.

Test :

THOS. WISHART.

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Suffolk, July 17, 1792.

I, Charles Moss, Jaolor of this District, do hereby Certify that I have this day received from Joseph Hendricks into my custody William Towe, who made his escape from the Jail of the said District the eleventh of last month, and by virtue of a Proclamation issued by his Excellency Henry Lee, Governor of this state, was taken and delivered to me as Jailor aforesaid.

Given under my hand.

CHARLES MOSS, Jaolor.

July 19th

ARTHUR CAMPBELL TO ———.

Sir,

Washington  
County

I inclose a copy of a letter from Governor Blount for information respecting the southwestern frontier. Since the departure of that Gentleman from Knoxville for Cumberland, the place appointed to hold a Treaty with the Chickasaws and Choctaws. We have the alarming intelligence that all the lower Towns of the Cherokees have seceded from their late engagement to the United States; that a large party of warriors had set out to intercept the Boat carrying the Goods for the Treaty, and as the river has been remarkably low, it is to be feared they have succeeded in their design. There are also serious apprehensions that Governour Blount and General ——— have been attacked on their way out, as their Guard was but weak; one party of the enemy set off to attack the settlement in Virginia on Clinch & Powell's River. This

intelligence was brought a few days ago to Knoxville by a friendly chief of the upper Towns. We wait with impatience for the arrival of Governor Lee, that a representation may be made of the state of the Country, which is far from being in a capacity at present to resist so unexpected an Enemy. From Fort Washington I learn that the indians have lately been uncommonly furious, after killing people within view of the Garrisons in a late attack of a Guard of 20 men—eighteen were killed on the spot; that the messengers, Col. Harding & Major Truman, were not returned, and were given out for lost. Therefore it may be concluded all hopes of pence are evanished, and that the confederacy of the Enemy gains an accession of strength every year. As Governor Blount is absent, and it is uncertain when Governour Lee may reach these parts, especially if he is gone by way of the Sweet Springs, I thought the above was too interesting not to be known to the Executive as soon as possible. I set out to-morrow for the Post in Powell's valley, where my son William commands, and am in hopes of falling in with the Governor somewhere on the Frontiers on my return, and will endeavour that he may have an interview with some of the principal officers of the Territory and a friendly chief of the Indians in order that the counsels of the Enemy and their instigations may in some measure be frustrated, until we are better prepared.

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I have the honor to be with much Respect, Sir,  
Your most Obedient Servant.

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WM. BLOUNT TO COL A. CAMPBELL.

Knoxville, July 1, 1792.

Sir,

I have to thank you for and acknowledge the receipt of two letters written while you were in the Territory. I should have been very happy in seeing you at this place. I am without the communications you alluded to from Governor Lee. The Goods for the Chickasaws and Choctaws leave this to-morrow under the care of David Allison; Alex. Moore will command the Bont, and I have hopes they will pass the Tennessee unattacked by any party sufficient to take them. General Bickens and myself take the wilderness on Wednesday for Cumberland. There are small parties both of Creeks and Cherokees out for mischief. The Spaniards have agents busy in bringing about a meeting of the Creeks at Pensacola in August, and of the Chickasaws and Choctaws immediately after at the Natchez. Old Fields and B—n has been up in the Cherokees, and Watts has gone down to Pensacola, I believe, with them.

1792. I have reason to believe this is not well meant to the United States.  
 July 19th One more defeat (but on that I do not count), will make our situation  
 a very disagreeable one.

I am, &c.

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Extract of a letter from Judge Campbell, dated Knoxville, June 30th,  
 1792:

The Cherokees are no doubt divided in their counsels, but a majority  
 are certainly for peace. A short time will give us proof of their intentions.  
 They are now sitting in the greatest council perhaps ever held in the  
 nation. The Spaniards have been tampering with them for some pur-  
 pose, it is difficult to say what.

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GEORGE TODD'S PETITION TO THE EXECUTIVE.

Richmond

To his Excellence the Governor & the Honorable the members of the  
 Privy Council for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the petition of George  
 Todd, of the City of Richmond, humbly sheweth that for several years  
 past, until the month of June, in the year 1790, your petitioner had  
 been accustomed to keep a Tavern in this city, & always obtained a  
 license for it from the Court properly authorized to grant one; that at  
 that time his license having expired, & he not choosing to continue in  
 public way, he advertised his intention in the public papers, which  
 advertisement your petitioner begs leave to refer to; that at the time of  
 his declining to keep a Tavern, he rented one of the houses which he  
 was accustomed to use as the Public Room, to his son, William Todd,  
 who used the same as a store, & obtained a license, signed by Adam  
 Craig, Clerk of the Court, & to which your petitioner begs leave to refer;  
 that your petitioner did never after the time that his license expired, sell  
 any Liquors or mixtures thereof contrary to law, or suffer them to be  
 sold in his house, but from time to time, in the month of March or April,  
 1791, the aforementioned William Todd having business to attend to up  
 the country, directed your petitioner to keep his retail store for him in  
 his absence; that accordingly he did so, & at that time sold spirits by  
 retail to a certain Zenas Tait, for the use of the said William Todd, and  
 settled with the said Todd, supposing that by virtue of his license to  
 keep a retail store, he would be permitted by the law to retail spirituous  
 under the said License.

That afterwards at a Grand Jury Court held for the City of Rich-  
 mond, your petitioner was presented for having retailed spirituous

liquors contrary to law. When the citation was returned, your petitioner appeared in Court & denied the charge & thought the prosecution was dismissed, & under that idea never gave himself any trouble about it; but now it is that William Marshall, the attorney for the City of Richmond, proceeded to file his information upon the presentment of the grand Jury, & has actually had your petitioner fined ten pounds besides the costs of the suit, & has had an execution levied upon the body of your petitioner, for the discharge of which he has tendered his property. But for as much as your petitioner is innocent of the fact for which he was presented, of which he believes the said Attorney is now perfectly convinced, and as he is willing to defray the expenses which the City has incurred in carrying on the prosecution, he humbly hopes that your Honorable Body will so far extend Relief to him as to remit the fine of Ten pounds to him on his paying the costs of the prosecution, as he is informed that he can expect relief in the premises from no other Tribunal if unsuccessful in his present application, & your petitioner as in duty bound will pray, &c.

The subscriber begs leave to inform the Public that he intends to decline keeping Tavern, his license being out the first Monday in June next, but he intends to keep private lodgings and stabling, having every thing well adapted for the same, and on as reasonable terms as any in this City.

GEORGE TODD.

Richmond, April 20th, 1790.

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These are to license and permit William Todd, retail Merchant residing within the City of Richmond, to retail Goods, Wares, & Merchandize within the same, for the term of one year from the date hereof, he having paid to me the tax imposed by law for the same. As witness my hand this fourth day of June, 1790.

ADAM CRAIG.

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Be it remembered that at a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the City of Richmond at the Courthouse, on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1791: Benjamin Harrison, Junior, and sixteen others, freeholders of the said City were sworn a Grand Jury of Inquest for the same, and having received their charge, went out of Court, and after some time returned and made sundry presentments, among which is the following: "We do present George Todd for retailing spirituous Liquors contrary to law

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1792. without a license, within twelve months last past, by the oaths of Z.  
July 19th Taite & Jas. Harrell, upon which presentment the following process was issued:

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sergeant of the City of Richmond—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon George Todd to appear before the Justices, of our Court of Hustings for the said City, at the Courthouse, on the second Monday in May next, to answer a presentment of the Grand Jury made against him at the last Court, for retailing spirituous Liquors without a License, contrary to law, within twelve months then last past, and have then there this writ.

Witness, Adam Craig, clerk of our said Court, the first day of April, 1791, in the 15th year of the Commonwealth.

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

And at another day, to-wit:

At a quarterly Court of Hustings held for the said City on Monday, the ninth of May following, came William Marshall, Gent., the Deputy attorney for the Commonwealth in the said Court, and filed his information against the said defendant in the following words:

City of Richmond, to-wit:

The Jurors for the Commonwealth within the body of the said City, upon their oaths present, that George Todd did on the first day of January, in the year 1791, and the fourteenth day of March, 1791, within the Jurisdiction of the said Court of Hustings for the said City, sell by retail in small quantities spirituous Liquors, to-wit: One Gill of Rum, one Gill of Brandy, one Gill of whiskey, One Gill of Gin, One quart of cyder, one quart of beer, one quart of wine, and a mixture of said Liquors, but more especially to a certain Joseph Harrel and Zenas Tate, and suffered the same to be drank by the said Harrel and Taite at the House of the said George Todd, without having first Obtained a License from the Court of Hustings for the said City, or from any other Court legally authorized to grant the same for that purpose, contrary to the acts of Assembly for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in that case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth.

WILLIAM MARSHALL,

Deputy attorney for the city of Richmond,

For JAMES INNES, Attorney-General.

Whereupon, came also the Def't in his proper person; and thereupon the said defendant defends the force and injury when, &c., and saith

that he is not guilty in manner and form as in the presentment against him is alleged. And of this he putteth himself upon the Country and the said attorney likewise, and the trial of the issue iz referred 'till the next quarterly Court.

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And now at this day, to-wit:

At a quarterly Court continued and held for the said City, on Thursday, the 17th of November following, Came the Attorney for the Commonwealth aforesaid; and thereupon the defendant having pleaded "not Guilty" to the presentment aforesaid, Came also a Jury, to-wit: George Mann & Eleven others, who being elected, tried, and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue Joined, upon their oath do say that the Def't is guilty in manner and form as in the information against him is alleged. Therefore it is considered by the Court that for such, his offence, he make his fine with his Excellency Beverley Randolph, Esq., Governor or chief magistrate of this Commonwealth, and his successors, by the payment of ten pounds for the use of the said Commonwealth, and pay the costs of this prosecution, & may be taken, &c.

Test:

ADAM CRAIG, C. C.

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ARTHUR CAMBELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

July 20th

Sir,

A few days ago I was informed by Captain Andrew Lewis that you were shortly to be out on the frontiers, but it was uncertain whether you would first review the Company on duty in Wythe county and so proceed down the Clinch, or come by way of Washington first, and so on to Russell County. I have waited until this day in hopes to hear from you, but the urgency of the situation of the Detachment my son commands in Powell's valley, being sent there illy supplied in provisions and the men uneasy about their first month's pay together with the daily expectation of an attack from the lower Cherokees, make it necessary that I should repair to his station to aid with my advice in so critical a situation.

The letter I wrote General Wood yesterday, which will be here for your perusal, will give you particulars. In it I mentioned an intention for you to have an interview with some of the principal Inhabitants of the Territory. By a line to Gen'l Sevier he will meet you when you think proper, and if you can stay until the first of August, "The Hanging man," our great friend among the Cherokees could meet you at Hawkins Court house, or at Mr. Hunt's at Ross's Iron works by that day, also one or both of the Judges of the Territory, and as many of the

1792. County Lieuts. of this State as you may think proper, together with  
 July 20th Captain Lewis. If the Cherokees have taken the Boats, a war with the  
 southern Indians must ensue, so that you will readily see the impor-  
 tance of the crisis, and how much service you can do by carrying back  
 a full representation to the President of the United States,

I am, Sir, most Respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant.

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July 21st BENJAMIN WILSON, COUNTY LIEUTENANT, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 Harrison Co. Please accept my sincere thanks for your singular care and atten-  
 tion to the protection of our exposed frontier, and in particular for your  
 sending one of your Own Body to view our situation, and his being so  
 able to make the necessary arrangements. Since General Wood left this  
 part of our Country, The Indians have made three Incursions in the  
 upper end of this County—no person has been killed; they have stolen  
 about twenty horse creatures. They were pursued each time but could  
 not be overtaken; They have broke up some of the frontier people in  
 taking of their horses, which must dispirit them. Should the Indians  
 meet with no check this fall, I am convinced many of our people will  
 not expose their lives and property any longer on the Frontier.

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant.

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July 22d JAMES MADISON, JR., TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,  
 The report of which the enclosed is an authentic copy, having been  
 made to the House of Representatives, it is possible that the Executive  
 may not have been furnished with it by the Senators of this State. I  
 take the liberty therefore of forwarding it,

And am with the highest respect & Esteem,  
 Your most obed't h'ble Servant.

1792.

No. 1.

July 22d

Vine Street, 1st November, 1791.

Sir,

I had the favor of your letter of this date, in which you desire to know the length of time in my opinion it will take to finish a statement of the accounts of Maryland. Without entering into particulars, I answer that it is my opinion, with the assistance I have, the whole of the accounts of Maryland cannot be restated sooner than the latter end of May or beginning of June next. I think however, it will not take longer time than I have mentioned.

I have the honor to be Respectfully, Sir,  
Your mo. obed. Serv't,

CHRISTOPHER RICHMOND,  
Agent for the State of Maryland.

(Signed) WILLIAM IRVINE, Esq., Comm'r.

No. 2.

7th November, 1791.

Sir,

In answer to your request of this date, I beg leave to inform you that I have no statements but what may be completed in three or four months, without interfering with the progress of examination already going on under the control of the Board. With respect to the length of time which will be necessary for the examination of the accounts, it will much depend upon the arrangements of the Board, tho' from the experience we have already had in the business, and considering the peculiar situation, in which the accounts of Virginia are placed by the destruction of Documents by the enemy. I am clearly of opinion that the investigation of the claims of that state upon the most expeditions arrangement, consistent with the designs of it, cannot be completed in less than twelve months from this time.

I am, Sir, very Respectfully,  
Your most obed. Servant,

WM. DAVIES.



1792. 2nd. The expiration of the first commission, the resignation of mem-  
 July 22d bers of the Board, and the lapse of time that ensued before the places  
 could be filled up, consumed a considerable part of the period appor-  
 tioned to the settlement.

These causes are losing their effects daily; therefore the Board are of  
 opinion that a final settlement is practicable, but that it cannot be com-  
 pleted by the first day of July, 1792.

The Board further suppose that upon the principles of the existing  
 law, if no unforeseen event arises, a final settlement may be made by the  
 first of July, 1793.

All which is Respectfully submitted.

WM. IRVINE,  
 JNO. KEAN,  
 Commissioners.

November 12th, 1791.

July 23d

J. PENDLETON, AUDITOR, TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Auditor's  
 office

I beg leave to request a warrant for forty dollars upon account, to  
 defray the usual expence of the Public Riders.

I am, with Respect,  
 Y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>y</sup>'s most obe<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>.

July 22d

No. 3.

Office Agents, North Carolina,  
 8th November, 1791.

Sir,

We have given that consideration to your letter of yesterday's date,  
 which its importance required, and in answer beg leave to inform you  
 that by the first of January next, we hope to be able to complete the  
 statement of the account of North Carolina for militia services and sup-  
 plies; before which time we are confident it cannot be effected, and if  
 we are under the necessity of going into a restatement of our vouchers  
 for specifics, (which, however, we hope from the proposition heretofore  
 made by us to your Board may be avoided), it will take up a period of at  
 least three to four months longer. We shall have one sett of books  
 completed in all this week, which will contain nine thousand and sev-  
 enty-nine vouchers, as originally entered by the Comptroller of North  
 Carolina, and perhaps twice that number, as restated by us under the

several heads, agreeable to the mode approved by the Board; and we shall be in readiness to go into the examination of this sett of Books with the Board as soon as completed, and of others in course as they shall be made up, or we will complete the restatement of the whole prior to commencing any examination, as shall best meet your approbation.

1792.  
July 22d

We have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your mo. Obed. servants,

A. THOMAS,  
JAS. TAYLOR,  
Agents of North Carolina.

General Irvine, Commissioner.

A Copy:

JOHN BECKLEY, Clerk H. R's U. S.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF ACCOUNTS.

Office of Accounts, November 12, 1791.

Sir,

We have the honor to transmit the Report of this Board on the order of the House of Representatives of the 3rd instant.

With great Respect, we are, sir,  
Your mo. obed. servants,

WM. IRVINE,  
JOHN KEAN,  
Commissioners.

The Hon'ble Johnathan Trumbull, Esq., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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In obedience to an order of the House of Representatives of the 3rd Instant, the Board of Commissioners for settling the accounts between the United States and individual states, Report That considerable progress has been made towards an adjustment of the claims of the States from New Hampshire to Delaware inclusive, and of South Carolina, and that the vouchers of the State of Georgia have been examined.

That a considerable part of the accounts and vouchers of the States of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, have by consent of the

1792. Board been returned into the hands of the agents of those States to be  
 July 23d examined and re-stated, the Agents of other States having had similar  
 indulgencies when required.

The time requisite for those re-statements will appear from the papers  
 marked 1, 2, 3.

The accounts thus re-stated are only in order for the examination and  
 final determination of the Board. Two causes have principally retarded  
 the progress of a final settlement of the claims of the several States.

1st. The States not having subdivided their claims under similar  
 heads, the extent of particular claims of the greatest magnitude could  
 not be seen, nor the evidence in support of them. Thus circumstanced,  
 the Board thought it improper to fix principles respecting those claims  
 until they could make an examination of every State's demand for  
 similar purposes.

July 25th

#### NATH'L WILKINSON'S RECEIPT FOR ARMS.

Received of Capt. Samuel Coleman, assistant clerk to the council,  
 sixty-eight stand of arms for the use of Capt. John Wilson's company  
 of militia, he having given Bonds to return said arms when demanded  
 by the Governor & council and to indemnify.

NATH'L WILKINSON, County Lieutenant.

July 26th

#### THE AUDITOR IN REGARD TO THE CHANCELLOR'S SEAL.

Auditor's  
 office

The chancellor wishes to have the seal executed in steel, w<sup>ch</sup>, as ap-  
 pears by the enclosed letter will exceed the sum limited by law—Acts  
 of '90, ch. 2, p. 27th. The Chancellor requested the auditor to submit  
 to the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Executive, whether they would order the Excess to  
 be p'd out of the contingent fund.

July 26th

#### J. BROWN TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Richmond

The stove now in the court room not being sufficient to make it  
 comfortable in winter, and the Judges of the Court of Appeals having  
 expressed a wish that I would undertake to procure one better adapted  
 to it, and also glass for the inner windows therein, which have not yet

been finished, I have addressed this letter to your Excellency to inform you thereof, and to signify my willingness to engage in this business as an Agent for the public, and to conform to such directions as the Executive may think proper to give me. 1792. July 26th

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's most obedient serv't.

Elizabeth City Court, July 26th, 1792. July 26th

Pursuant to the Act of Assembly, in that case made and provided, the Court do nominate to his Excellency the Governor, and the Hon'ble privy Council, George Booker, William Moore and William Lary Selden, Gents., for one of them to be commissioned sheriff of this County the ensuing year, and the same is ordered to be certified. Elizabeth City County

A Copy—Teste:

SOLOMON TABB, C. E. C.

List of such Executions as have been returned—the property not sold for want of Buyers. July

Hanover.—Garland Anderson, sheriff, Judgem't Oct., 1784; specific 82. Levied on goods & chattels. Auditor's office

Hampshire.—Stephen Ruddle, sheriff, Judgem't Oct., 1784; Rev. 82. Levy'd on Goods & chattels.

Berkeley.—Henry Whiting, Sheriff, Judgem't Dec., 1786; one p. C't 84. Levy'd on Goods & chattels.

Isle of Wight.—Laurence Baker, Sheriff, Judgem't Oct., 1786; Rev. 85. Levy'd on Goods and chattels.

Southampton.—John Rogers, Sheriff, Judgm't June, 1788; Rev. 86. Levy'd on Goods & chattels.

Dinwiddie.—John Jones, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov. '91; Rev. '87. Levy'd on Lands & Tenements.

Southampton.—Micajah Holliman, Sheriff, Judgm't June, 1790; Rev. '87. Levy'd on Lands & Tenements.

Southampton.—Micajah Holliman, Sheriff, Judgm't June, 1790; Rev. 1788. Levy'd on Lands & Tenements.

Culpeper.—James Pendleton, Sheriff, Judgm't June, 1791; Rev. '89. Levy'd on Lands & Tenements & Goods & chattels.

Shanandoah.—Abraham Byrd, Sheriff, Judgm't June, 1791; Rev. '89. Levy'd on Goods & chattels.

1792. Spotsylvania.—William Mills, Judgm't June, 1791; Rev. '89. Levy'd  
 July on Lands & Tenements.  
 Southampton.—John Simmons, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov. 1791; Rev. '89.  
 Levy'd on Lands and Tenements & Goods & chattels.  
 Sussex.—John Mason, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov., 1791; Rev. '89. Levy'd  
 on Goods & chattels.  
 Albemarle.—Michael Thomas, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov., 1791; Rev. '90.  
 Levy'd on Lands & Tenements.  
 Fauquier.—Thomas Bronough, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov., 1791; Rev. '90.  
 Levy'd on Lands & Tenements.  
 Nansemond.—John Coles, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov., 1791; Rev. '90. Le-  
 vy'd on Lands & Tenements & Goods & chattels.  
 Southampton.—John Simmons, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov., 1791; Rev. '90.  
 Levy'd on Lands & Tenements, Goods & chattels.  
 Sussex.—Lawrence Smith, Sheriff, Judgm't Nov., 1791; Rev. '90.  
 Levy'd on Lands & Tenements.

J. PENDLETON, Aud'r.

- August 2d At a court held for Nottoway County the second day of August, 1792:  
 Present: William Fitzgerald, Robert Fitzgerald, William Watson, &  
 Edmund Wells, Gent., Justices.  
 Rawleigh Carter, Peter Randolph, & William Greenhill, Gent., are  
 by the court recommended to his Excellency the Governor, as fit per-  
 sons to execute the office of sheriff of this county for the ensuing year.

Copy:

J. HOLMES, C. N. Ct.

August 2d

#### PETITION OF JOSEPH CLARK.

To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council of  
 State:

The petition of Joseph Clark humbly sheweth That your peti-  
 tioner entered the service of his County at a very early period of the  
 late war, and continued in the same for five years, during which time  
 he conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the Esteem and con-  
 fidence of his officers.

Worn out with the fatigue and hardships attending an army, which  
 hurried on him the infirmities of old age, Your petitioner has long  
 since been incapacitated from obtaining a Livelihood by Labour.

By the assistance of some of his friends, your petitioner was enabled  
 to lay in a few gallons of Rum, which he disposed of by retail, without  
 obtaining a license, not being able to pay the necessary fees attending

one, and for doing of which, your Petitioner was presented by the Grand Jury, fined, and imprisoned. Now, your petitioner begs leave to represent to your honorable body that he has been in confinement for — weeks; that he has no way of paying the fine, not possessing a shilling in the world; and that the Joal will be his dwelling place for Life, unless your honorable body will intercede in his behalf. Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that his case may be taken into consideration, & that the fine may be wholly remitted, or such other relief afforded him as in your wisdom may appear proper, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray, &c., &c.

Clarke has been frequently employed as an Express, with Public Dispatches, and has always, when so employed, acquitted himself well.

SAM. COLEMAN.

I do certify that Joseph Clark was enlisted or otherways engaged to serve in this state service as an Artificer in the Laboratory—the direction of which Business I had. Clarke served to the end of the war. He always did his duty, and as far as I know of the lame man since he has behaved well. I believe Clark served some time in the Continental Laboratory before he engaged in the service.

Given under my hand Aug. 1st, 1792.

W. REYNOLDS.

N. B.—This will more fully appear by having reference to returns deliver'd Colo. Merriwether, the clerk of the Council (as to his service).

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SAM. COLEMAN TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

August 2d

Sir,

Since I last had the honor to report on the subject of the militia, the County Lieutenants of New Kent, of Louisa, of Fluvanna, of Essex, of Sussex, of Campbell, and of Charlotte, have made returns of the strength of their militia. The County Lieutenant of Amherst has forwarded a return of one Regiment, and together with the County Lieutenants of Orange and Hanover, have declared upon oath that no monies have come into their hands by virtue of their offices.

Council  
office

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most Ob. Servant.

1792.

SAM'L COLEMAN TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Sir,

August 2d  
Council  
office

I have the honor to inform you that the papers presented yesterday by the Gentleman from Kentucky, were a claim for Rations for militia Rangers ordered into service in Kentucky for the year 1791, under the instructions of the Executive of the 29th of December, 1790.

These instructions, which were forwarded to General Scott, expressly require as evidence of the service of Rangers, A muster-Roll, a pay-roll, and a Ration Abstract, as a mutual check and as an inducement to a settlement as well of the pay as the Ration Account. I Therefore gave it the Gentleman as my opinion that the one would not be settled without the other.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most ob. servant.

August 2d

PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR.

Petition of sundry citizens of Hanover for the pardon of Braxton, a negro boy, condemned to be hung:

To his Excellency, the Governor, & members of the Hon'ble council :

The petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants of the County of Hanover, & neighbours to Mr. Pettus Ragland, humbly shew that they understand a negro lad about 16 or 17 years old, named Braxton, formerly belonging to the s'd Ragland, but tried in the name of Joseph Petrus as his property, was by the sentence of county court of Hanover, condemned to be Hang'd, & they believe that as the s'd Negro is young, that he was drawn into the crime for which he is condemned, by others, and that they are in hopes he will reform & hereafter make a good slave, & the subscribers understand that the s'd Negroe is recommended by the s'd Court as an object of mercy. They therefore humbly pray that your Honours will be pleased to grant to the said Braxton a pardon. And they as in duty bound shall pray, &c.

Will Littlepage,  
Peter Christian,  
John Snead,  
J. B. Woolfolk,  
Wm. Richardson,  
Fleming Gatewood,  
Wyatt Jones,  
John Priddy,

Thos. Longan,  
John Cross,  
John Wingfield,  
David Harriss,  
Richard Crenshaw,  
John Glazebrook,  
Mitchell Davis,  
Natt'o Hill,

Jas. Littlepage,	William Harriss,	1792.
Jacob King,	Nat. Hanes,	August 2d
Wm. England,	William Lambeth,	
Supry Davis,	William Hargrove,	
J. Rawlings, Jr.,	Lewis Davis,	
Rob't Perkins,	Robert England,	
Garret Whitman,	Oliver Cross,	
John Loyall,	Edward Lankford,	
John Crenshaw,	Absalom Ragland,	
Henry Hall,	Nath'l Glinn,	
William Davis,	David Oliver,	
Henry Cross,	Jno. Davis,	
Joseph Cross, Jr.,	Gideon King,	
Nathaniel Davis,	Paul Thilman,	
Elmore Harriss,	Parke Street,	
Cornelius Tinsley,	Jas. Anthony,	
William Tinsley,	John Ragland,	
Rich'd Davis,	Shelton Ragland,	
Gideon Ragland,	George Davis,	
James Priddy,	Henry Priddy.	

At a Court appointed and held for Hanover County on Thursday, the 2d day of August, 1792, for the trial of Isaac, a negro man slave, the property of Edward Lankford, and Braxton, a negro man-slave, the property of Joseph Starke, who were committed to remain in custody of the Sheriff of this County, on suspicion of feloniously and Burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of Luke Anthony, in the parish of Saint Paul, and County aforesaid, in the night time, to-wit: between the hours of nine and twelve in the afternoon of the 12th of July last past, and feloniously and Burglariously stealing, taking and carrying away four pieces of bacon of the value of 20s, ten yards of cloth of the value of 20s, and one Trunk of the value of 20s. of the goods & chattels of the said Luke Anthony, then and there found.

Present: Wm. O. Winston, Elisha White, Wm. Norvell, John Bullock, Thomas Macon, Merriwether Jones, Gent., Justices.

The prisoners aforesaid being led to the Bar and arraigned for the felony and Burglary aforesaid, pleaded not guilty, and thereupon Judith Anthony, the wife of the aforesaid Luke Anthony, and Harry and Jack Christian, negro slaves, the property of the said Luke Anthony, being sworn and examined, the Court are unanimously of the opinion that the said prisoners are guilty of the Burglary and felony aforesaid, and



1792. that for the same they ought to suffer death without benefit of clergy.  
 August 2d Therefore it is considered by the Court that they each be hanged by the neck until they be dead, and it is ordered that Execution of this Judgment be made and done on the said prisoners Isaac and Braxton by the Sheriff of this County, on Monday, the third day of September next between the hours of ten in the forenoon and three in the afternoon of the same day, at the Gallows near this place, and the Court do value the said Isaac to sixty pounds, and the said Braxton also to sixty pounds, which is ordered to be certified, and the said prisoners are remanded to Goal, there to be safely kept until the day of execution, and ordered that the sheriff do keep a good and sufficient Guard. But it appearing to the Court that the said Braxton, who is only about the age of seventeen or eighteen years, has been corrupted by the said Isaac, the Court do therefore recommend him to the Governor and Council as a fit subject for mercy.

WM. O. WINSTON.

A copy—Teste:

THOMAS ROGERS, D. C. H. C.

August 3d

HENRY LEE TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL WOOD.

Sir,

New  
 London

I take the liberty to request you will be so good as to transmit to me all my private letters; Enclose them to the care of Mr. James Step-  
 toe, at New London, where I shall meet them on my return. If the conveyance is not absolutely certain, please to forbear sending them. I have heard nothing new either from the Southwest or the Northwest.

With great regard, I am,  
 Y<sup>r</sup> hl. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

August 6th

JOHN STUART TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

Greenbrier

I am requested by Cap. Hugh Caperton, from the Kanhawa, to inform your Excellency that three of his soldiers have been killed this summer by the Indians, And that he has not yet had it in his power to retaliate, altho' he has used all the diligence he possibly could. He is at present in hopes of a reinforcement from Capt. Preston's company, with which he designs to scour the mountains between Kenawha & Kentucky, where he expects there is some hordes of the Enemy which ranges

in small detached parties on the Frontier, and are very troublesome to the Inhabitants of Kenhawa, who are all garrisoned. No invasion has been made on the Frontiers of this County this season, and I am in much hopes we shall not be troubled whilst Capt. Caperton's company is so far advanced between us and the Enemy. 1792. August 6th

The three Rifle Companys raised under General Government, part of which lys at our Court house, I expect, will take their rout to head-quarters down the Kenhawa before long, and that march will be likely to create an alarm to the Indians that will secure us the remainder of the season.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's ob't Humble Serv't.

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WM. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR.

August 8th

Sir,

Having received an appointment to the command of a company in the Federal army which I accept, obliges me to resign as Ensign in the company of volunteer militia under the command of Cap. Preston. Be pleased therefore to accept this, my resignation, and at the same time my unfeigned thanks for the honorable appointment.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with respect,  
Your most ob. serv't.

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J. PRESTON TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

August 8th

Gentlemen,

My Ensign having accepted the command of a Company in the Rifle Regiment of the United States, has left the service in which he was engaged; his resignation will be presented herewith. As this leaves a vacancy in my Company of Volunteer militia, I beg leave to recommend Mr. James Taylor to fill it; he is at present in the service with me—is a gentleman in whom the Executive may confide, having both abilities & courage to execute the duties of this office. I hope should the Executive think proper to honor my recommendation, that his commission may be transmitted to him as early as possible.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,  
Your most ob't very h'ble Serv't.

1792.

BEN. BLUNT AND OTHERS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Sir,

August 11th  
South-  
ampton  
Courthouse

Your letter respecting Pensioners of the 6th ultimo, came yesterday to hand; in answer to which, we take the liberty to inform y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> that the List of Pensioners for 1790, is not in our possession, and whether those of our county that are on the list for 1789, are on the list for 1790, we know not. We find that Ann Hargrove, Lucy Robinson, and Mary Windham are on the list for 1789. It appears to us from the best information, that Ann Hargrove and Lucy Robinson are the widows of Michael Hargrove and Hartwell Robinson, who was soldiers in the fourth Virginia Regiment on Cont<sup>l</sup> Establishment, and that the said Hargrove and Robinson died also whilst in the service of their country, and that the said Ann and Lucy are in very indigent circumstances—they, neither of them, have any children chargeable to them. Ann Hargrove is about 50 years of Age, and at present not able to support herself by her industry or labour, owing to a cancer on her right hand, by which she has lost one of her fingers and is likely to receive further injury. Lucy Robinson is about 45 years of age, and is able to labour as women of that age generally are. Mary Windham is the widow of Benjamin Windham, who was a soldier in Colo. Dabney's state Legion, and died whilst in the service of the Country; she is about 40 years of age, and has several children, tho' they are all, except one or two of the youngest, able to maintain themselves, and they are likely to be able to earn a support in a few years.

We beg leave to subscribe ourselves,

Your Ex<sup>cy</sup>'s mo. ob<sup>t</sup>, H<sup>ble</sup> Servants.

## August 11th APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY THE DIRECTORS OF LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

At a meeting of the Directors for the maintenance and cure of persons of unsound mind, held at the said Hospital in Williamsburg, the 11th day of August, 1792:

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Hospital be directed to apply to the Executive for a warrant from the Auditor of Public Accounts on the Treasury of this state for the sum of Three hundred pounds for the use of the Hospital.

A Copy—Teste:

WILL. RUSSELL, C. C. D.

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RECEIPT FROM ARTHUR CAMPBELL FOR MONEY ADVANCED FOR CAPTAIN 1792.  
ANDREW LEWIS' COMPANY.

Received of the Treasurer of Virginia by the hand of his Excellency August 11th  
Governor Lee, One hundred dollars in part pay of a detachment of  
Capt. Andrew Lewis' company of Volunteer militia, under the command  
of Ensign William Campbell.

ARTHUR CAMPBELL.

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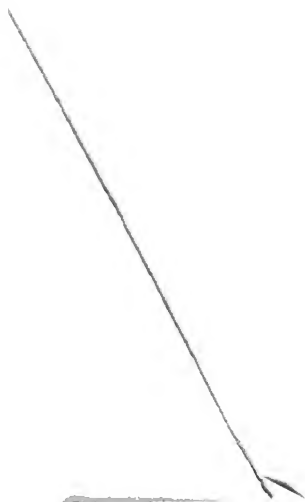
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